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North Checking Out

Challenge honors

On June 23 Albany Unified School Board of Education meeting the Department of Energy's Livermore Lab will present a plaque to Albany High School for placing second in the Annual Math Challenge. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Cornell multipurpose room, 901 Cornell.

Try to get a space

There are still a few spaces left for community group or business booths at El Cerrito's July 4 Fair, the city's largest event of the year. The deadline for accepting applications is this week. For details and information call police Chief Linda Fellers at 544-401.

July 4 Arts & Crafts

At the El Cerrito Preschool and Daycare Center's 4th of July Arts & Crafts Festival, creative activities for preschoolers and people of all ages from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Events include hot making, cookie decorating, chalk drawing, mural and face painting, clay sculpting and more. Admission is \$3. Adults with children are invited free, and families with three or more children accompanied by an adult pay \$1. The Co-op is on the corner of Resaca Lane and Ashbury, across from the Community Center.

Library book sale

The annual book sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Albany Library, will be held at the Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Center, located at corner of Marin and Masonic Avenues, will be filled with a great variety of sale items—books, records, tapes, and children on hundreds of subjects and in several languages, plus computer materials, scholarly journals, art books, magazines, maps, CDs, and videos. Additional stocks of books and materials will be brought in hourly. If you would like to volunteer to help, phone 526-1920.

State of the City

Mayor Pro Tem Gina Brusatori will speak at "El Cerrito: The State of the City" at the June 23 meeting of the El Cerrito Democratic Club. The talk begins at 8 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Albany Ave.

Pokorny on budget

The City Budget for 1998-99, or More Than You Wanted to Know About City Finances will be City Manager Gary Pokorny's topic at the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce's lunch session on June 22 at noon at Little Ange's Restaurant, 6115 Patara Ave. Reservations: 233-7040.

Watershed plan

Albany's recently completed Watershed Management Plan, intended to provide a comprehensive overview of Albany's drainage systems, is available for public inspection and comment. The plan identifies issues, solutions, timing and costs for the restoration, maintenance and improvement of the city's watersheds. Copies are available from City Hall and the Albany Library for check out up to one week. The City will accept written responses until Aug. 31. The plan will become an element of Albany's Clean Water Program.

July 4 volunteers

El Cerrito-based Celebrating Culture & Community needs volunteers to help with booths Saturday, July 4, including a game booth (and perhaps parade participation) in Hercules, and an ethnic craft sales and children's activity booth in El Cerrito. There will be one meeting for training before July 4. Call Eric A. Ma, 236-3255.

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Grad Nite Gala

El Cerrito High School seniors, including Heather Dinneen and Jessica Kronenberg (above) attended the "premiere" of the school's Hollywood-themed Grad Nite celebration last Friday. All-night festivities at the gymnasium lavishly decorated by parents and volunteers for the annual event included dancing, dining, quick sketch portraits, "gambling" for prizes (Keshawn Fielder tries his luck at the craps table, right) and entertainment, including a hypnotist (below).

Photos: Laura Stein



Teachers battle AUSD over back wages

By James Carter

ALBANY — The Albany Unified School District and representatives of the teacher's union met recently but were unable to resolve differences over retroactive pay increases due teachers. Talks focused on terms of a contract negotiated in January of 1997 and impact last year's budget.

Though both parties agree that teachers are entitled to a retroactive

pay increase, they disagree about the amount due. Union representatives claim the district "made a mistake" in calculating the costs of increasing new teacher's salaries in the district — an allowance built into the contract that both teachers and the district embraced. If true, such an error would affect the amount of retroactive pay.

In an effort to attract competent instructors to Albany, the California Teachers Association union and

the AUSD agreed last year that starting salaries for teachers should be raised from \$26,000 a year to \$32,000.

Under terms of the 1997 contract, instructors who have been teaching in Albany for 13 years or more are also entitled to a raise. By mutual agreement, that increase would be paid for by whatever funds remain in last year's budget minus what it cost the district to "collapse column one" — contract language

that refers to upgrading the beginning pay scale for new instructors. But the consensus ends there.

Though the AUSD has other sources of revenue besides state funds, the disagreement is due in part to ongoing uncertainty about state resources granted to the district. Since it is virtually impossible to accurately predict the amount of funding the state will grant the district until the state budget is passed

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Residents hot-under-collar at fire hazard notices

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — In their efforts to make El Cerrito a "fire safe community," the city council and the city fire department seem to have offended several citizens. "I'm not used to being called a public nuisance," said one of a group of people who came to this week's council meeting to speak their mind about the city's fire hazard abatement program.

The main bone of contention seemed not to be the hazard abatement program itself, but the abate-

ment notice sent out to parcel owners telling them to clean up the hazardous condition.

Capt. Larry Carr, the city's fire prevention officer, reported to the council that there were 433 parcels identified in the city deemed to be hazardous. Most have been corrected by their owners, but Carr said there are still 68 unimproved and improved parcels that remain on the abatement list. "Your property," the abatement notice reads, in part, "constitutes a public nuisance because of the presence of weeds, rubbish, litter or other flam-

mable material which creates a fire hazard, a menace to the public health, or is otherwise noxious or dangerous."

If the condition is not "voluntarily" removed, the notice states, the city "will abate these nuisance conditions" and the cost will be assessed against the property as a lien and special assessment. The notice also notes that in past years, abatement costs billed to the property owner "have sometimes exceeded \$5,000 per parcel" for properties with "severe nuisance conditions." This blunt language rankled some

homeowners.

"The city does not need to take this tone," said Karl Malamud-Roam, a nine-year El Cerrito resident. Malamud-Roam said he has been a volunteer firefighter in Calaveras County and knows of the importance of hazard abatement, but the notice was aggravating and implied that his property had been declared a public nuisance without prior notification.

Councilmember Mark Friedman said he has "heard from several constituents" about the notice and

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AHS students press their case, find little leeway

■ Budget realities do little to ease frustrations with underfunded programs.

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Like a farmer hitting a mule on the nose with a two-by-four, disgruntled Albany High students got the attention of school board members, Superintendent J. Dale Hudson and Principal Lois Woods-Green at a meeting in the Little Theater last Wednesday.

The students had petitioned Hudson to hold the face-to-face meeting after a noisy rally protesting poor conditions at the school, inadequate funding and cuts in sports, music and arts programs generated only meager official response.

With a prepared agenda in hand and school officials lined up on the stage, student leaders took turns detailing specific complaints about the decline of nonacademic classes at the school. And though meeting mediator Brandon Franklin asked for "mutual respect on both sides to achieve our goals," the 200-plus

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Boosters want to bring track and field back to AHS

By William-Arthur Haynes

ALBANY — Members of the community voiced a plea for the resurrection of an Albany High track and field team to the board at Tuesday's meeting.

Gilberta Avila and Stacy Bock, co-chairs of the Albany High School Athletic Boosters Club, read a letter addressed to the board from the Committee to Bring Back Track and Field to Albany High School, which pledged to donate "their time and expertise to try and make [the program's reinstatement] a reality for the 1998-99 school year."

The program was canceled in 1990 when the district made cuts in the curriculum

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Council delays budget vote to study options

■ Employee compensation, redevelopment debt are considerations.

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — The city council decided Monday to postpone approval of next year's budget until after another study session scheduled for next week. Council members want more time to study the figures and more "policy issues" input from city staff and the public.

The \$14.6 million budget for fiscal 1998/99 does not call for new taxes or assessments but does require an infusion of \$383,000 from city reserves to balance. At this week's council meeting, attended by about 18 residents and 10 city staff, several policy questions were raised.

Mayor Jane Bartke wondered why the council was considering authorizing the use of reserve money when the Redevelopment Agency, which owes the city about \$1 million, has funds it received from bonds refinanced late last year. The bond refinancing netted the Agency about \$605,000. "To me it's a simple fact," Bartke said. "Redevelopment owes money to the city — if they paid at least \$383,000 out of that \$605,000, then the city wouldn't have to take anything out of the reserves. If one owes money to the other—why don't they pay it?" she added.

Councilmember Norman LaForce said the council had not yet discussed several "policy options." LaForce noted that the council has tried to ensure that city em-

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Transportation Plan hearings scheduled

ALBANY — The next round of community public meetings on the city's Citywide Transportation Plan is next Monday, June 29. The series of meetings continues through July 8. Residents are encouraged to attend the Working Group meeting pertaining to their neighborhood:

- Working Group One (for residents living west of San Pablo Avenue) will meet June 29 at City Hall.

- Working Group Two (northeast Albany) will meet July 1 at City Hall.

- Working Group Three (southeast Albany) will meet July 6 at the Albany Community Center.

For those interested in discussing citywide traffic issues, the Citywide Working Group meets July 8 at City Hall. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Details: Community Development & Environmental Resources Department, 528-5760.

■ Around Town

The week ends, the week begins

By Chris Treadway
Journal editor

TAKING MEASURE: So where did the June 2 election leave us? The West Contra Costa Unified School District was the main winner locally and now has to justify the overwhelming approval voters gave it (just over 75 percent overall and 80.5 percent in El Cerrito). The next step is appointment of a citizens advisory committee which will have oversight on spending the \$40 million in Measure E spending.

Libraries and the transportation system were the big losers, even though each received a majority of the vote. Library and transportation advocates now have to figure out their next moves after the defeat of Contra Costa's Measure A (libraries) Alameda County's Measure B (transportation).

At their regular meeting, held the day after the election, the West County mayors discussed the possibility of putting their own measure on the ballot for the area's underfunded libraries, rather than the countywide effort, which won 64.3 percent of the vote yet still lost because of the two-thirds standard set by Proposition 13. There is some logic to such an effort, since the full county effort passed handily west of the hills. But one person deeply involved in the last two funding campaigns (a proposed sales tax increase this year, a failed parcel tax four years ago) doubts a localized effort would work, saying "If we had to try to come up with a large enough parcel tax to pay for a reasonable amount of service, it would never fly on its own."

There is also talk of yet another countywide effort, but many who exhausted themselves on the most recent campaign don't want to think about that just now.

El Cerritos, by the way, posted the highest level of approval in the county for the library measure, giving it 76.6 percent of the vote.

Measure B, which had the only large organized opposition, still took 58 percent of the vote in Alameda County. "The critique that I heard was pretty clear and pretty unified," Albany Mayor Bruce Mast said. "Opponents pointed out that the BART Warm Springs extension and the Oakland Airport connector are unnecessarily expensive, and that we're spending money on these new extensions when we haven't dealt with some basic maintenance issues like seismic retrofitting."

The extension of the county's half-cent sales tax will be back again, the question is how backers will put enough of the "sprawl-inducing" items that will win the vote of the suburbs, while keeping anti-sprawl activists in support.

"My critique of the measure was the same as the Sierra

Club's," Mast said. "I disagreed with the amount of weight given to the negative aspects of the measure, and politically disagreed with them on what was possible to realistically accomplish."

Unlike the libraries and transportation measures, the schools measure had no organized opposition, which one campaigner said is "poison" under California's stringent requirements for approval.

Opponents of the library measure took the illogical stand that the advocates should instead lobby for a share of the state's current budget surplus. In reality, the likelihood of the state sending bushels of money to local libraries is remote at best, and even if it happened it is hardly a stable source of funding for a system where most branches are only open 29 hours a week.

The real question is what to do about the two-thirds approval requirement, which is the object of a ballot initiative forwarded by El Cerrito's own Thom Stark.

Stark, who is the president of Friends of the El Cerrito Library, proposes changing the threshold from 2/3 to 3/5 (60 percent) for ballot taxation measures.

As Stark notes, 3/5 of the electorate would still be a "super majority." Qualifying it for the ballot will be another matter and Stark estimates that will take "at least \$10 million" to do so.

KWIK-E-MART: Speaking of ballot measures, there is talk that it may take a ballot measure for funding if the cost is too high for the property owners to bring a department store to the Plaza. If so, the question is whether leaders have the political will to put such a measure on the ballot and whether voters in turn have the will to approve such a measure. The Plaza co-owners are scheduled to come back before the El Cerrito council in a couple of weeks with their revised proposal for the site.

Mike Aaronian is taking over the reins as principal at El Cerrito High for Paul Daniels, who is retiring and has declared July 4 "My independence day." Aaronian was a dean at ECHS in the late '80s and "has a lot of energy," says WCCUSD Boardmember Glen Price. "I'm real excited. I think he's a great choice," says Price, adding, "not that it's going to be easy." Aaronian, an ECHS graduate, was a principal in the Oakley school district before returning to El Cerrito.

Clarifying a couple of items that appeared recently in our police reports: First, the theft of items from an El Cerrito police cruiser occurred between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m., not during daylight as erroneously listed.

Second, just to emphasize, the altercation between a manager and employee at Radio Shack reported a couple of weeks ago did not take place at the chain's Albany location.

What direction for El Cerrito Plaza?

Pedestrian-friendly is part of urban realism

I appreciate Rosemary Loubal's praise (Letters, June 11) for "Sustainable [El Cerrito]"s imagination, energy, and design skills," and I agree with her that it is essential to consider economic and environmental impacts. In fact, those two key ingredients of sustainability are central to our group's purpose. I believe that El Cerrito needs a more vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, traditional downtown commercial district if it is to provide the quality of life that so many people seek. The demand for such a commercial district in El Cerrito is very high. The supply is low. Basic economics: if we meet the demand, we prosper.

All across the country, cities large and small are learning how to make their neighborhoods and downtowns safe, secure, and friendly for walking and public interaction. And it is paying handsome dividends: people are making money on it, cities are prospering. Read the newspapers and magazines. Something is happening out there — and it could happen here too if we don't blow it.

The real estate industry is catching on to the trend. The latest forecast report for real estate investors, "Emerging Trends in Real Estate 1998," says that "the" market to watch is the traditional neighborhood development that we've been talking about here. Investors are urged not to invest in suburbs unless they have "mass transportation modes" and "pedestrian-friendly areas," because people are tired of driving all the time and increasingly favor stores and town centers "within easy walking distance."

El Cerrito has a choice to make: are we going to continue to build suburban-style strip malls and power centers, or will we turn the corner and take a stroll down Main Street?

Lori Dair
El Cerrito

Time to let Plaza move forward

I read the letter from Rosemary Loubal last week and I believe that this letter expresses the sentiments of a majority of the citizens of El Cerrito: "we don't need a mix of homes and retail at the Plaza." The citizens of El Cerrito want RETAIL at the Plaza and they want it immediately and without subsidy from the community.

Ms. Loubal correctly pointed out that City Hall has already wasted 2-1/2 years on its "ill conceived plan to have the property taken over for an Urban Village." City Hall has greatly impacted the lives of El Cerritos as well as the current merchants at the Plaza by delaying the renovation this long.

It is time to let the owners of the Plaza develop a project that is economically viable even if we initially do not get everything that we think we want. The point is to get this project going. A project that is in renovation will more easily attract good retail tenants than a project that is at a stalemate because of bickering within the community and another delay by City Hall. Another delay will be the ruin of the current Plaza merchants and the loss of tenants who currently want to come to the El Cerrito Plaza. As a community we need to move forward!

Bob Winslow
El Cerrito

■ Letters to the Editor

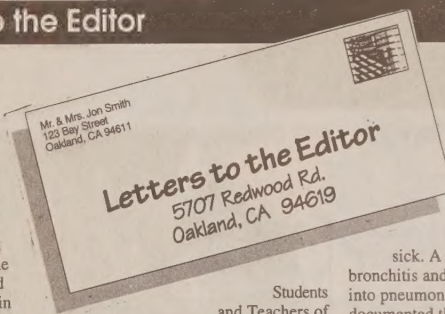
Students want some say in curriculum

Editor:
We the undersigned students and teachers of Albany High School wish to register a protest against the conduct of the AHS Administration and School Board members in recent decisions regarding further cutbacks of the arts program and other extracurricular activities. The Administration, the Board and the Superintendent have been unwilling to listen to our ideas, and have subjected students who care enough to voice an opinion to condescension and disdain. Realizing we cannot have total control over our curriculum, we feel we should have some say as it is our school.

A petition for support for the arts, signed by over 200 students, was submitted to the administration and went completely unacknowledged. To our dismay, we have found that protest is the only way to get results. Even then, meetings have been unsuccessful and unproductive, causing further frustration.

We appreciate *The Journal's* reporting on our recent rally addressing this topic. Being an election year, we believe the voting residents of Albany have a right to know the experience and opinions of the people most directly affected by the actions of those in control.

Sincerely,



Class of '48 reunion

Editor:
The 50th anniversary reunion of Oakland's Castlemont High School's graduating classes of 1948 will be held on Saturday evening, Sept. 19, at the Four Points Hotel, 5115 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton.

For information, members of the January class should contact Arue (Beaulieu) Szura at 538-4822, and those of the June class should contact Margie (Hirsch) Gainous at 582-9501.

Cecil S. Riley
Orinda

County failed to properly prepare

Editor:
This winter, during the well-predicted "worst storm(s) of the century" no one in Contra Costa county did anything to provide additional or emergency shelter for homeless people. Not one city opened an armory or tried to provide other emergency shelter. Even worse, the county provided no leadership or direction on the issue. Elected officials and county staff should have met with city official to educate them about the dangers that the storms present to homeless people and asked them to help in the planning and provision of services and shelters. They should have formed partnerships to provide the necessary services.

When the county was declared a "disaster area" during the storms, homeless people were not included in the emergency plans and operations that were put into place.

The Department of Public Health and the staff managing the homeless programs should have been banging on doors to get emergency shelters opened during the declared disaster. (It is ironic that during the recent flu epidemic and hospital ER closures the Board of Supervisors had no trouble declaring a "Public Health Emergency" about hospital capacity and access to care and treatment. However, that emergency involved people with homes and insurance.)

Homeless people either get off the street or they die trying. People who live outside get wet and they never get dry. Their

bedding and clothing gets wet and soggy and it mildews. The people constantly breathe in that mildew and mold. They get

sick. A cold becomes bronchitis and bronchitis turns into pneumonia. It is well documented that tuberculosis is on the rise everywhere. None of us live in bubbles: homeless people are all around us. When homeless people are ill, we are all exposed to the illness, be it a cold or tuberculosis. These terrible storms and their impact on the lives and health of homeless people should have been considered a public health emergency.

It was reasonable to expect that something would have been done because the county homeless programs are under the jurisdiction of Dr. Bill Walker, Director of Health Services, and Dr. Wendel Brunner, Director of Public Health. The fact that they failed to act during these terrible storms is the worst kind of negligence. The fact that the two department heads are also physicians, who could have declared a public health emergency in order to provide shelter and services, is nearly criminal. It is certainly a breach of medical and humanitarian ethics.

In the private sector a failure of this magnitude is cause for firing. In the public sector, in particular our county government, bureaucrats are protected and rewarded for stonewalling on controversial and unpopular issues because it protects elected officials who are afraid to act for fear of reprisal at the ballot box. However, when the bureaucrats who do the stonewalling are physicians in charge of public health issues in the county, it is alarming and a cause for great concern. What is the next issue that they will "protect" cowardly elected officials from at the expense of the public good?

I'm sick and tired of having elections take precedent over the people. I'm tired of politicians who only care about running for office, worrying only about getting reelected and then watching the stage and directing every move and decision based on that timetable. The time to act, in this case, was when the storms were being predicted.

City and county officials, all elected officials for that matter, failed miserably (again) in providing leadership and direction on the issues of the poor and homeless. The bureaucrats, on the other hand, continue to work hard at keeping their jobs. We should all be ashamed.

Susan Prather
El Cerrito

■ Viewpoint

Albany High administrators should listen to students

By Jessica Yarris
reporter/news editor
Albany High Times

When did an education arts become secondary to science? Why are Albany High School students taking their own initiative to salvage struggling music, performing, and fine arts programs at Albany High? Questions like these are in the mind of any student who survives what has been dubbed "the portable situation."

As if learning in leaky, mildewing buildings that occasion are prone to flooding isn't bad enough, students have to deal with cutbacks of classes enjoyed almost everyone. No music, science education could be complete without masterpieces of art or creativity because subjects go hand in hand with another. To solve problems arrive at answers either scientifically or mathematically person must have the ability think creatively. Studying teaches just this skill, and why the preservation of music classes at Albany High School is imperative.

Can you imagine the parent outrage if there was only one class of Math, with students entering Algebra 1 in the same classroom with students completing calculus?

The most recent action to accomplish such a task was undertaken by the students of Albany High School, and the burden of organization rests on the shoulders of juniors Carter and David Waugh (and student supporters) were outraged by lack of attention paid to students surviving the portable situation seemed as if no one cared to have no gym, few lockers, undersized classrooms, flooded walkways and deck, and continuous construction early the year.

There have been some attempts to remedy such problems. For example, additional lockers were installed so now students have share lockers with only three people; kitty litter was thrown onto the deck during the rainy season to create traction under student's feet. Most of the original problems still persist, surprisingly these arduous conditions were not the reason the student protest on Friday, 5, and the subsequent meeting with the school board on Wednesday June 10. What students were instead angry and concerned about was the severe shortage of funds suffered by music, fine and performing arts courses at AHS. Students in the basic and advanced art classes taught by Ed Hill are allocated exactly \$5 per student for the entire year. Five dollars will barely buy a single paintbrush, alone paper, canvass, and acrylic paints. Tom Lillenthal's award-winning instrumental music students, even with aid from the dedicated Music Boosters, still have their accountments bandaged with duct tape. All levels of choir students are crowded into one singing class.

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Old Albany High goes out with a bang — and a few whimpers

By James Carter

ALBANY — Jim Rajander-Gilmore raised a sledgehammer over his head and brought it crashing down on old Albany High School last Sunday during festivities marking the demolition of the main building. Supervised by members of the Albany Fire Department and wearing protective head gear, Rajander-Gilmore took a deep breath, lifted the sledgehammer he had paid a buck to wield and took another swing, this time knocking loose a piece of the concrete slab above the building's front steps — a spot where high school sweethearts once sat and held hands after school.

Holding the souvenir in his hands he said, "I had a lot of good times here and it's really hard to see the old gal going down."

Hundreds of other alumni from AHS shared similar emotions as they gathered to say goodbye to a building that was built during the Great Depression by men working for the WPA, but was condemned last year due to its seismic deficiencies.

Gathering under a lunch shelter situated between the portables that now house students and the soon to be demolished old school, a large crowd sat at tables, posed for group pictures, bought hot dogs and cold soda and talked about the good old days at AHS.

Albany Police Chief and AHS alumnus Larry Murdo said "I think it's wonderful to see that this school had such an impact on people — some of them who graduated 50 years ago. People are just reminiscing about all the good times they had here." Murdo was so busy sharing memories with former classmates that he

practically missed his curtain call. "There's a whole table of my former classmates over there," he said, "all graduates from 1966 — pardon me, I meant to say '86. Some of them I haven't seen for 30 years. And they're recognizable. That's the best part. You don't even have to look at the name tags."

School Board President Diana McMenney shared the enthusiasm of the crowd. "This is great!" she said. "The turnout is much much greater than we ever anticipated. The tours are incredible. I bet we've had 600 people going through that building."

A final look

The June 14 event, called "Albany High School: A Piece of your Past, A Link to the Future," was an opportunity for people to get a final look at the old high school and raise money to purchase equipment for the new

school scheduled to be completed in 2001. The celebration was sponsored by the Albany Education Foundation and PTA Council.

Most of those in attendance had a story to tell. Greg Brazil, class of '64, was one of a long line of family members to attend Albany High. Brazil's mother and several uncles and aunts also went to school there.

Brazil reflected on the many friends he had at Albany High, remembering with sadness that "a lot of them aren't around any more. Some of the guys got killed in Vietnam." Becoming more upbeat, he added "I myself was a draft dodger. I joined the Navy."

Musing about the good times spent with his friends while a student, Brazil said "We used to sneak out during class or between class and smoke cigarettes or mess with people's cars. If they

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Former students had the chance to actually take part in the demolition, putting a sledgehammer to the concrete.



Alumni of old Albany High School gathered Sunday to bid the soon-to-be-raised building a reluctant farewell. It was a chance to see the school one last time and relive memories.

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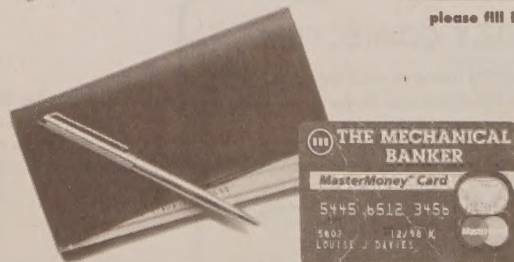
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Proposed parking requirement changes will go before voters

Changing Albany rules seen as beneficial to economic development
James Carter

ALBANY — Voters will get the final say in November on an initiative that would bring major changes to city parking requirements in an effort to "revitalize businesses," which officials say would "generate much needed" revenue for the city.

A resolution calling for an initiative, approved Monday by the City Council, would amend 1978's city-approved Measure D, which requires having two on-street parking spaces for every new unit constructed in the city limits. The measure, intended to alleviate the need for on-street parking on the city's narrow streets, according to city officials, also served as a curb on the creation of new residential units in Albany, where lots are often small and the cost of meeting the requirement can be prohibitive.

While the 20-year-old measure has led to the creation of some illegal units and stifled the creation of legal ones, the staff report for the initiative concludes that "there has been little, if any, development of multiple family housing since the adoption of Measure D."

The approved resolution, one of three alternatives presented to the council, would not change the requirement for single-family residences, but would change the criteria for multiple-family, senior projects and mixed-use residences.

The approved resolution, passed by a 4-1 vote (Councilmember Robert Good opposing), would leave changes in parking regulation open to the initiative process in the future. One of the other alternatives presented to the council would have excluded parking issues from the initiative process.

Councilwoman Peggy Thomsen, who supported the resolution for an initiative amending Measure D, said that while endorsing the proclamation she disagreed with speakers who suggested that such matters be dealt with by city officials only. "Part of the democratic process is also the initiative process which Albany voters do like to use," Thomsen said.

In other matters the city council:

- Approved the purchase of property at the western end of Madison Street as part of ongoing efforts to develop more open space on Albany Hill. One speaker objected to the move suggesting the property being purchased was "over-appraised" and among the "least valuable property" there;

- Approved adoption of the Cleveland Avenue/Eastshore Highway Redevelopment Plan despite a bitter protest by Greg Brazil, a property owner in that area who said he could lose the source of "his entire retirement" if he is forced to sell his property;

- Approved a plan to create and install sculptures by artists Carlo Ferretti and Mark Canepa on the Buchanan Street Bay Trail.



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Students from Katie's Dance Studio present "Showcase '98" on June 27 at 2 p.m. and June 28 at 5 p.m. "Showcase '98" features a variety of jazz and tap dances. Students range in ages from four years to adult. Many of the dance numbers have been performed in local and national competitions, and in addition to winning many first place awards, have won honors of over-all highest Scoring. "Showcase '98" takes place at King Jr. High School, 1781 Rose St. in Berkeley. Tickets are \$7 each. Call Katie's Dance studio for tickets or further information, 524-1310.

Study: Reduced class size effort has a downside

A study by graduate students at UC Berkeley concludes class size reductions at Bay Area elementary schools may not necessarily result in a better education.

The student researchers suggest that schools that opt for smaller

class sizes risk losing quality teaching, libraries, computer rooms and science facilities.

As part of their research, five students from UC Berkeley's School of Public Policy conducted field visits and phone interviews

with officials at three Bay area schools — Alamo School in Alamo, Brookvale School in Fremont and Lockwood School in Oakland.

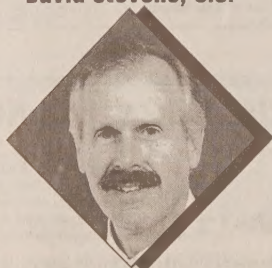
The research team found that while teachers and parents favored the improved classroom atmo-

sphere, class sizes were reduced at the cost of losing qualified teachers in poorer school districts and sacrificing science and computer facilities and libraries.

Student Brian Edwards said, "Part of what happened is class-

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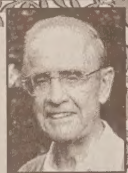
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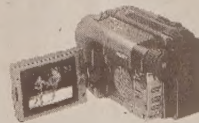
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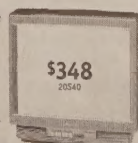
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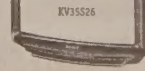
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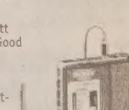
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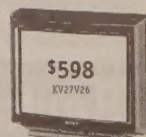


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Police Reports

Youths attempt carjacking

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 6 p.m. on June 7 four youths started an altercation with a 32-year-old El Cerrito man at the Taco Bell on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue. The four then followed the man out to his car and attempted to car-jack his silver '82 Volkswagen Rabbit. The man was able to physically detain one of the youths while employees called police. Officers arrested a 16-year-old Fremont boy for attempted car theft and giving false identification to police. He was taken to Juvenile Hall. The remaining three youths, two 12-year-old boys, from Fairfield and Oakland, and one 14-year-old Berkeley boy, were not charged and were released to their parents.

On the morning of June 8 Albany police received notice that the CHP had located a red Toyota in Contra Costa County that had been reported stolen from Albany. The car was not damaged and the CHP had a suspect in custody. The owner was notified.

On the evening of June 8 officers stopped a car for a traffic violation. The driver, a 69-year-old man, was found to have two outstanding warrants from Oakland for vehicle code violations in the amount of \$500. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

At about 3 a.m. on June 9 officers stopped a black '98 Chevrolet Blazer for a traffic violation near San Pablo and Carlson Avenues. The driver, a 31-year-old Berkeley woman, was found to be intoxicated. She was arrested,

cited and released when sober.

On the evening of June 9 an employee at Albany Middle School reported that someone stole the janitor's vacuum cleaner. There were no witnesses.

At about 2 a.m. on June 10 officers responded to reports of a man at the Club Mallard on the 700 block of San Pablo who was being unruly and refusing to leave. Officers contacted the 38-year-old Berkeley man who was found to be very intoxicated. He was arrested, cited and released when sober.

On June 10 a resident on the 900 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that during the night vandals had broken into his '88 Ford van while it was parked on the street.

On June 10 an El Sobrante man reported that his green '96 Mercury was vandalized while parked on Cornell Avenue near Solano Avenue.

On the morning of June 11 the custodian at Albany High School reported that several portable buildings at the high school had been vandalized with paint. There were no witnesses.

On June 11 a resident on the 900 block of Madison Street reported that during the night thieves stole his burgundy Toyota van.

On June 11 a resident on the 1000 block of Ordway Street reported that during the night thieves broke into her '91 Honda Civic and stole the radio.

On June 12 a resident on the 1200 block of Portland Avenue reported that during the night thieves stole her white '77 Toyota.

On June 12 a resident on the

1100 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that during the night thieves broke into his blue '86 Toyota Celica and stole various items.

On June 12 a resident on the 900 block of Ordway Street reported that vandals tried to pry open the door of his white Geo Prism. There were no witnesses.

On June 12 there were various reports during the day and night of juveniles driving around town an throwing lemons at people and cars. Police investigated and found the group on the 1300 block of Brighton Avenue and they were celebrating graduating from high school.

At about 2 a.m. on June 13 officers contacted a 25-year-old Albany man who was riding his bike near Solano and Cornell Avenues and had fallen off his bike. He was found to be very intoxicated and was arrested, cited and released when sober.

On the morning of June 13 the manager of the Safeway Store on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue reported a suspicious car in the parking lot. The car had been stolen from Danville. The owner was notified.

During the week of June 7 officers fingerprinted 14 people at their request, towed two cars, responded to 12 false alarms, attended to seven lost or deceased animals, assisted seven people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to five reports of barking dogs. Officers stopped 87 vehicles issuing 53 warnings and 34 citations. In the domestic arena officers intervened in four domestic disputes, 39 civil disturbances and 79 civil assists. Firefighter/paramedics attended to 15 medical emergencies.

Thieves target mail

By William-Arthur Haynes

EL CERRITO — While on foot patrol in the Jayvee Center parking lot on June 11 an officer attempted to contact a man in the vicinity. The man ran to allude the officer but was later apprehended on the 900 block of Kearney St. Police found the assailant to be in possession of stolen mail.

Sometime between June 5 and June seven an unknown suspect pried open a U.S. Postal Service mail box on the corner of Balra and Terrace Dr. and removed an unknown quantity of mail. After notification the postal inspector said he would handle the theft and the vandalized mail box.

An '87 Toyota Camry was reported stolen from Knot Ave. south of San Pablo Ave. on June 7. The vehicle was later recovered.

At about 7:15 p.m. on June 8 three juveniles were arrested for attempting to steal developed film from the El Cerrito Plaza Long's Drugs. The store manager detained the youths until the police arrived.

On June 8 at about 8:50 p.m. a woman reported that a man had just come to her house on the 5300 block of Potrero Ave., violating a restraining order. The woman told police that the man had the residence with her house keys.

On June 8 a woman was arrested at the San Pablo Ave. Target for attempting to leave the store with merchandise she had not paid for.

A '78 Mercury Monarch was reported stolen from the 1300 block of Contra Costa on June 5.

A '92 Lincoln Town Car was reported stolen from the 11700

block of San Pablo Ave. On June 8. On June 5 at about 10:30 p.m. a man was arrested on San Pablo Ave. between Hill St. and Cutting Blvd. for operating an '87 Mazda pickup while intoxicated.

An '84 Oldsmobile Cutlass was reported stolen from the El Cerrito Plaza parking lot on June 4.

On June 5 a young female was reported to have attempted suicide by ingesting 48 capsules of Excedrin P.M. The young woman was transported to Brookside Hospital for treatment and an evaluation.

On June 4 someone pulled back the screen on a rear window of a residence on the 2600 block of Ellerhorst. After climbing through the window the suspect left with \$700-worth of property.

A '96 Nissan King Cab was reported stolen from the El Cerrito Plaza parking lot on June 10.

During a traffic stop at Cutting and San Pablo on June 6 a man was arrested for operating a '72 Volkswagen Bug while intoxicated.

On June 7 at about 6:45 a.m. a man reported that an elderly woman had walked away from the rest home and not returned. She was said to suffer from senility.

During a traffic stop at the corner of Central and Yosemite on June 7 a man was arrested for operating a '90 Ford Ranger while intoxicated. After searching the vehicle police found the man to be in possession of a bag of marijuana.

An '80 Chevy C10 was reported stolen from the 11400 block of San Pablo Ave. on June 12.

On June 7 someone threw a garbage can through a 3-foot by 5-foot window of the Castro Clubhouse causing \$300 in damage.

In Brief

Program on race relations

A Contra Costa County program devoted to improving race relations began this week and will continue for two months.

The "Reaching Out" program sponsored by Kaiser Permanente, the Center for Human Development and Contra Costa Health Services Community Wellness and Education Program.

The program, which is open to all county residents free of charge, will be facilitated by Dan B. a community and youth officer with the San Ramon Department and vice chair of the Californians for Drug-Free and Leila Marsh of the Permanente's Community Partnerships.

Douglas says the "Reaching Out" circle will give people a safe place to share their views about myths, attitudes and stereotypes. "When we can identify and share feelings of another's experiences with our compassion and understanding, we can begin to build a healthy community," he said.

The program is endorsed by President's Initiative on Race Relations and employs the Public Casting Service video "Reaching Out."

The group will meet every Wednesday starting June 15, from 7 p.m. at Kaiser Permanente, Muir Rd. in Martinez. Pre-registration is required.

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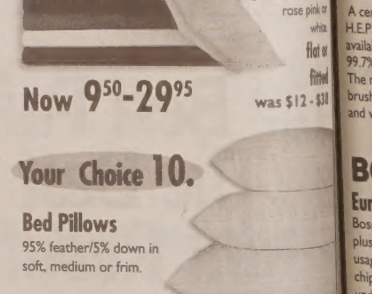
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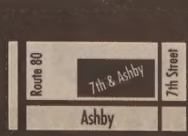
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Citizens review team prepares budget input for EC council

By R. Deaton
EL CERRITO — While its focus is on the next century the Services for the 21st Century financial review task force of citizen volunteers also discussed the more immediate future at its May 26 meeting. The group addressed various

questions, including whether or not there is an actual debt owed the city by the Redevelopment Agency and whether or not the team should try to analyze the proposed 1998/99 budget or focus on next year's. Most task force members agreed that they wanted to study and make recommendations on the proposed budget unveiled at the May 18 city

council meeting. But time was an issue. The new budget begins July 1 and the council wants to study and adopt it before then. There was some question at the task force meeting about whether there would be time to make an adequate study of the proposed budget. Of the 1998/99 budget, task force member Al Miller said the group should review it but

not do an in-depth analysis. "I don't believe that there is time to get a sub-committee to review and answer all of these questions in time to get recommendations to the Committee of the Whole to get them into the decision-making process," Miller told the group. But others disagreed. Task force member Anne

Delehunt said that whatever "competent and intelligent" feedback the task force or the general committee wanted to give the city council would likely be welcome. "It might even be something the council could value," she said. Councilmember Larry Damon, who was at the meeting mostly as an observer, suggested that the city council could approve

the upcoming budget on a month-to-month basis. By using such an interim budget adoption method, the financial team would have time to study the budget and make recommendations to the Services for the 21st Century main body, the Committee of the Whole.

This larger group would then discuss budget specifics and make recommendations to the city council. Damon said he believed "the council will value every syllable that comes out of the Committee of the Whole." Damon said that this citizen-constituted committee "will have the final say and final influence on what we (the city council) really have to accept." On the question of whether or not there is an actual Redevelopment Agency debt owed to the city, the task force seemed to agree to an empirical "yes." Task force member Ernie Sherne noted that the city council has discussed the Agency's debt and has passed resolutions about it. "If the resolutions between the city council and the Redevelopment Agency prevail—then they've already accepted it—this is the debt." Another member, Linda Blum, noted that the Agency has begun to pay back the debt. "Isn't that an acknowledgment that the debt does exist?," she asked the other task force members. George Amberg, who chaired last week's meeting, noted that the Agency has shown how much they owe the city in past spreadsheets and in the annual reports to the state. "I think there's plenty of evidence that the debt does exist," Amberg said. The city's Redevelopment Agency owes the city about \$1 million—most for staff reimbursement costs—for time city staff spends working on Agency matters.

Cerrito Vista fund-raising contributors will leave lasting message of commitment to parks

Campaign will sell described bricks to renew playground.

EL CERRITO — Over the last several years, the El Cerrito Parks & Recreation Commission has carefully investigated each city park. Commissioners have visited each park with city staff, including maintenance and landscape specialists. Neighborhood meetings have been held about the individual neighborhoods use of their local park and what they like and what they want improved or changed. City staff and volunteers are assisting the commissioners in developing a draft plan of what is needed to restore each park. Fiscal year 1997-98 park maintenance and repairs funded by the general city budget have been funded by the investigations of the commissioners. Although much work is needed throughout the city to rejuvenate the splendid El Cerrito Parks, the Commission has been dedicated finding resources outside the gen-

eral budget to restore the parks. One such project has evolved through a series of unique opportunities. Prospect Sierra School offered the city, for use at Cerrito Vista Park, a multiple-component play structure valued at about \$27,000. The Commission agreed to accept the donation and store the structure at space available within the city until funding could be found to install the structure at Cerrito Vista Park. The El Cerrito Rotary Club, upon learning about the opportunity, designated \$12,500 from its 1998 July 4th Fair fund-raiser as a challenge grant to assist with fund raising efforts.

Parks & Recreation Commissioners Brenda Navelier and Harvey Wittenberg were appointed to a subcommittee and along with Monica Kortz, Community Services Manager and Mike Woldemar, the city's architectural consultant, developed a plan for the improvement of Cerrito Vista Park. The project, titled the Cerrito Vista Park Playground Improvement will be accomplished in two distinct but

complementary phases. The first phase will include removal of the existing outdated and unsafe play structures, resurfacing of the playground area, repair of the drainage and concrete curbs in and around the play area, and installation of the donated play structure. Phase 2 includes the creation of a modernized and protected toddler area behind the existing clubhouse, landscaping and lighting in that area, and the design and installation of a donor's walkway.

With the donation of the playground equipment and the challenge grant from the El Cerrito Rotary Club, the estimated remaining project cost for Phase 1 is approximately \$40,000. Installation of the structure at the renovated site will be done by volunteers and city staff. The cost of Phase 2 is estimated to about \$95,000.

To accomplish their goals for the Cerrito Vista Park Playground Improvement, the Parks & Recreation Commission is sponsoring the "Give Our Kids A Safe Place to Play" campaign. Hoping to raise

the remaining \$135,000 needed to complete both Phase 1 and Phase 2, the Commission is initiating a buy a brick campaign. Residents and business owners throughout the city will receive an invitation to participate in the project. All are invited to purchase a 4-inch by 8-inch brick with one or two lines for a personal message. One line (20 spaces) will be sold at \$100, two lines (40 spaces) will be sold for \$125.00. The campaign will be kicked off by the Commissioners at the city's 4th Of July Celebration at the Community Center.

The Commissioners are asking everyone to stop by and buy a brick, saying that brick inscriptions will leave a lasting memory of this endeavor and begin a new era of fund raising for park improvements. Residents and business owners wishing to become benefactors with a contribution of \$500 or more are also being sought. El Cerrito can continue to demonstrate its commitment to future generations by improving the Cerrito Vista Park Playground.

County moves on tobacco sale law

MARTINEZ — Members of a youth group, The Tobacco Industry Gets Hammered by Teens, packed Tuesday's Contra Costa County Supervisors meeting to demand enactment of a tougher tobacco sale ordinance. After a long public comment and debate period, the board voted unanimously to have the county's health department work with county attorneys to develop the ordinance.

The board instructed the attorneys to look at making it illegal for stores to advertise tobacco in store windows or outdoors within 1,600 feet of schools, playgrounds and youth centers. The board also said the ordinance should prevent the sale of promotional tobacco-related items to minors and ban self-service cigarette displays in stores.

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Exploring the many wonders of Prague

I have a copy of an old print showing Maiden Europe as a beauty lying over the continent, its head in Spain and over its heart the beauty that is Prague. That is how this fairy city is remembered, and is how it is today. It sustained heavy damage during the war, but has spent years in repair and restoration. And it has truly been restored. A city of spires and domes, of palaces, cathedrals and churches, of graceful bridges, wide avenues and narrow, winding streets. Of beauty, indeed.

We had driven to Prague from Krakow, a 225-mile ride, in our deep blue, comfortable bus, driving through what is the heart of Moravia. And it was a lovely drive. Moravia, we are told, produces the best wines of the Czech Republic, and we saw the miles of vineyards on either side of us. Often, too, we saw rolling hills completely yellow with a plant that looked like mustard but was a native plant that was much cultivated. The sight of the graceful rolling hills, some completely green, some, as noted, completely yellow, was a delight.

We had stopped for lunch in Brno, the capital of Moravia, a rather modern city overlooked by two separate hills, perched on one hill is the Spilberk Castle, while the other hills supported the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul.

And thence to Prague. A bit of history: In 880 AD

the Christian ecclesiastics made the decision to adhere to the Roman, rather than Orthodox, brand of Catholicism. This decision gave Bohemia her Latin, instead of Cyrillic, alphabet (for which most tourists give thanks). It was this era that saw the short and stormy reign of Vaclav, defender of the faith, assassinated and canonized as Saint Vaclav, a name Latinized as Wenceslas. Today he sits astride his iron horse in Prague's beautiful Wenceslas Square.

To point out any one part of Prague is impossible for me. Wenceslas Square, as noted, is gorgeous, as is the Old Town Square. The view from Charles Bridge was described as one of the most beautiful views in Europe in one book we had read, and we spent time there in happy agreement. We returned again at night, since that same book said the night scene should not be missed.

We listened to a lovely string quartet in the Prague Castle and then wandered down the wide, shallow stairs, admiring the beautiful articles sold in the booths along the walls. We enjoyed another string orchestra concert in the St. George Church. My friend and I, again missed getting tickets to the opera, but enjoyed a great deal of the music that abounds there.

We were unable to tour two of the buildings we most wanted to see: the opera house and the

new Town Hall, an Art Nouveau building we much admired from the outside. But our great joy was walking the streets. On one lovely avenue we saw buildings that were breathtaking, from one Art Deco building that reminded me a little of the San Francisco Center and was, indeed, a shopping center, but of a most exciting design, to the building just next door which was decorated completely, its roof supporting graceful statuary and its walls decorated, as so many were, with a handsome but simple design.

These are my descriptions. The books talk about splendid buildings with graceful Gothic vaultings and Baroque carvings. They are.

And, of course, there is the famous 15th century astronomical clock at the Old Town Hall. A wondrous sight. We never did see Christ and the 12 Apostles show themselves in the little windows. Never could get directly in front of it on the hour, and the figures appear only inside the windows. But we did see the skeleton of Death standing below.

And, of course, we visited the old Jewish quarter in Josefov, including the Old-New Synagogue, built about 1270, "one of Prague's best examples of early Gothic architecture, and

still used for worship."

In both Prague and later in Budapest, our hotels were not in the main area and required taking a bus and the Metro anywhere we wanted to go. We even got into trouble at one point for not having stamped our ticket before hurrying onto a waiting train. (it cost us 1000 forin, each).

Budapest, too, is a beautiful and unique city, straddling, as it does, the not-so-blue Danube. I had visited Budapest 29 years ago, when we lived for a week with a Hungarian family. It was different in several ways. Of course, it was freer and lighter, being no longer under Russian rule. And this time I saw it from the outside, rather than from the inside view of a resident.

The Royal Palace, on Castle Hill had not been restored when we were there, but it is now and is a splendid looking complex of museums.

The Parliament buildings are the same, and still inspire the catch of breath that caused my husband, those many years ago, to spend several hours taking pictures of it. The many bridges are still spectacular, particularly the Iron Bridge, and the Grand

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



Boulevard is even grander with its more modern and colorful stores and shops

We took a short cruise up the Danube Bend, to the inevitable island cum souvenir shop. The little town with its little Baroque houses, is charming, and we did buy decorated bags of paprika to bring home to friends (in our former stay, our hosts gave us pieces of paprika in the morning for our Vitamin C).

The food? In Prague and again in Budapest, we were enthralled with two aspects of the food. The wonderful soups and the magnificent pastries.

I have necessarily left out some really interesting aspects of this tour.

The salt mines, where, after descending some five stories, we walked down 267 stairs, and stared in admiration at the amazing statuary, figures, and even a cathedral carved by the

miners—all amateurs—salt. Nor could I take the tell you of the journalists who, finally, at the age of and dying from cancer, talk about the terrible that happened to him at the the Nazis.

Nor have I described to Auschwitz. The horror fresh. We have all seen pictures of it, but seeing person was all too real.

But good and very big experiences and memories three weeks we spent in Europe was an adventure that is the best part of the

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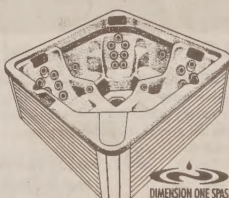
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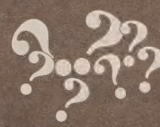
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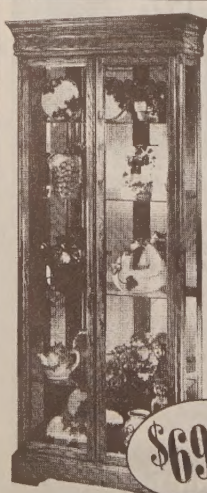
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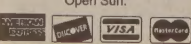
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Regional Park District's Third Annual Educators Academy - offer three day courses starting every Tuesday from June 23 through Aug. 11. Each course earns two quarter units toward the extension program at California State University, Hayward. For info call 635-0138, ext. 2208.

The Albany Pool - Registration for

the Summer Session, adult classes has started, children's class registration begins on June 22; a complete schedule is at the pool, 1311 Portland Ave., Albany, 559-6640.

Community Events

June 20 - 50th Anniversary of the Merry-Go-Round in Tilden Park; 10 rides, balloon artist, face painter and a "Memory Board." In preparation for the event, the request is put out to anyone who has photos, or other memorabilia of the merry-go-round, they would like to share; 524-6773.

June 20 & 21 - Annual Book Sale; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; prices mostly between \$1 and \$5; if you wish to assist, sign up at the library Reference Desk or phone 526-3720 to reserve your shift; Community Center, Marin Ave. at Masonic.

June 25 & 26 - Ohtani Bazaar; Thursday 4-9 p.m.; Friday 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.; food, prizes, and activities; Berkeley Higashi Honganji Church, 1524 Oregon St.; 236-2550.

Cover to Cover '98 - through Aug. 15 teens read for prizes at the Berkeley Public Library. If you are between 13 and 18, you register at any Berkeley Public Library, details are posted in the Teen Areas at all Berkeley Public Library sites; 644-6100.

North Berkeley Senior Center
 June 22: Women's Issues and Life Changes; 2 p.m.
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June 25: Ancient Stones: Virginia Walker shows slides of Summer Solstice Stones and other monuments. 12:45; Great Books: Somerset Maugham's *The Moon and Sixpence*. 52 Arlington Ave. Kensington; 526-9146.

The City of Berkeley's Adult Basketball League - registration for the summer league (18 yrs and up); season starts June 24 at MLK Youth Services Center, 1730 Oregon St., Berkeley; 644-6226; \$495 per team.

Exhibits

Audacity Designs - Painted furniture by Chandra Garsson; through August. Reception for the artist is on Friday, June 19, 5-7 p.m. at 1747 Solano Ave., Berkeley.

Dragons - through June 25; drawings and paintings by Marion Brucker; at The Gallery of the Center for Psychological Studies, 1398 Solano Ave., Albany; 524-0291.

Berkeley Art Museum - Wendy Ewald: Collaborative Portraits; through July 5

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Berkeley Historical Society 20th Anniversary Exhibit - through Aug. 26; featuring programs exhibits and publications offered over the 20 years; Veterans Memorial Building, 1931 Center Street, Berkeley; 848-0181.

An Exhibit of Historic Materials - through September 6; never before seen! Stalin's Forgotten Zion: Birobidzhan and the making of a Soviet Jewish Homeland; Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St.; 549-6950.

The Visible Word - through July 31; An exhibit of ancient and contemporary Byzantine; Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, Graduate Theological Union, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley.

Lectures and Workshops

June 18 - Public Workshops for MLK Jr., Civic Center Park Renovations; 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.; Workshops to be held at City Council Chambers, 2134 MLK Jr. Way, 2nd Floor. Help us figure out how to spend \$1.1 million. For more information call 665-3453, or TDD 644-6915.



Berkeley artist Tyler Hoare, known to I-80 commuters for his fanciful biplane long situated on the Bay, will have a display of his 'post people' (above) at Epperson Gallery, 1408 Pomona St. in Crockett, during July. Details: 787-2925.

June 18 - American research Center in Egypt; Northern California Chapter; 7:30 p.m.; "History Under the Microscope: What Egyptian Graffiti Tells us About the Past"; room 160, Kroeber Hall, UC Berkeley, 527-9746 for info. A small donation requested.

June 19 - City Commons Club: Social hour at 11:15 a.m.; Speaker starts at 12:30 p.m.; David Littlejohn, Ph.D., writer and retired professor talks about "The Las Vegas Experience," 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley, 848-3533.

June 25 - A Debate on Strategy for Progressive Activists; 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.; which way for progressives? Finn Hall, 1819 10th Street Berkeley.

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June 23 - National Association of Retired Federal Employees; Chapter 1282; 12 p.m.; Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage Ave., Albany. Spring Luncheon, no charge, need reservation by June 19; 799-1592.

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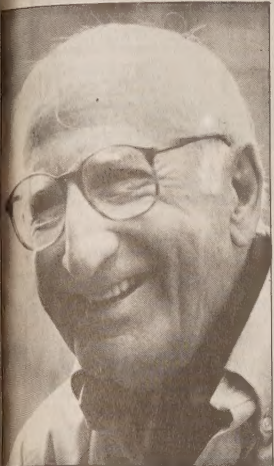
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Albany Cougars' catcher Eagle: 'This kid can hit'

Albany High junior predicts big things for his team next season.

By Jelani Harper

Albany High's Todd Eagle has a simple philosophy toward hitting.

"I just try to hit line drives, that's all I want to do when I'm at the plate," said the Cougars' catcher. "Sometimes I might get under the ball about a centimeter or so, but usually I try to swing right through the middle."

Apparently, Eagle knows what he's talking about. The remarkable junior led Albany's baseball team this season with a whopping .538 average, knocked in 17 runs, and belted five home runs to guide the Cougars into the first round of the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League playoffs.

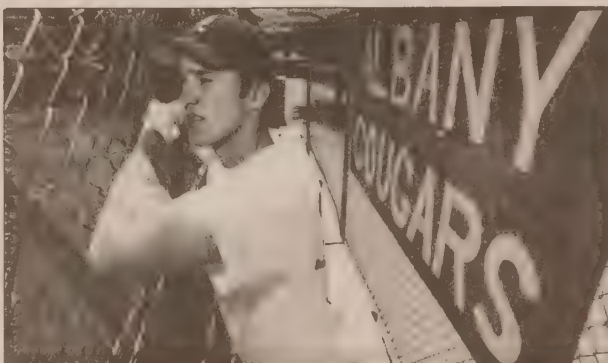
The kid can hit with his eyes closed, and just about everyone knows it. After the season he was named to the ACCAL's all-league first team as a catcher, the only Cougar to earn such honors.

"I've been a good hitter ever

since I was a kid," remarks Eagle with an easy tone. "I grew up in a baseball-oriented family so it's something that's natural to me, and I spent a lot of time working in the batting cages."

Eagle's baseball career started out like that of most other kids—in Little League. At the tender age of 8 he signed on with the Pinole Angels, and when he turned 11 his coach on the Giants, Mark Himmelstein, introduced him to the position of catcher.

"I'm a natural at catcher, it feels like home there behind the plate,"



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Eagle explains. "I've been catcher all throughout high school, and I want to stay there through college and however long I play the game."

During his freshman year Eagle began on junior varsity, but was he

moved up to varsity during the middle of the season where he has faithfully remained.

During his sophomore year the team had a disappointing 4-7 finish, and the seeds were planted for the

Cougars successful (7-4) season this year.

"We had a tough season last year but we had a good team leader in (graduating senior)

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St. Mary's Mack, Williams hope for Europe

Pair distinguishes themselves in Sacto meet

By Jeff Sepulveda

While St. Mary's High senior track stars Jerriod Mack and Jafar Williams graduated more than two weeks ago, their track seasons are still heating up.

Three weeks ago Williams and Mack blew away all comers in the North Coast Section Meet of Champions. Two weeks ago it was the California Interscholastic Federation state championships in Norwalk. Last Saturday, it was the prestigious Golden West Invitational at American River College in Sacramento.

With Golden West invitations going to only the top high school performers in the nation, merely competing is an honor. But Mack and Williams distinguished themselves further by placing highly despite performances far from their personal bests.

Mack took third in the triple jump with his mark of 49-feet, 10-1/2 inches coming on his final attempt

after what he described as "the worst series I ever put together."

Williams placed fifth in the 400 meters despite a relatively slow time of 48.51.

Normally, placing third and fifth for Mack and Williams would be

'I need to step it up. I'm pretty confident I can do it.'

—JERRIOD MACK, ST. MARY'S TRIPLE-JUMPER

unthinkable. But when the quality of the field is considered, both marks were quite respectable.

The triple jump had 10 competitors with marks of 50 feet or better, including national leader Greg Yeidell of Spencer, N.C., who had jumped a 52-2 indoors coming into

the GWI.

According to Williams, the 400 field was no slouch either.

"They had eight guys in the race and everybody's best except one was at least 47.3," he said.

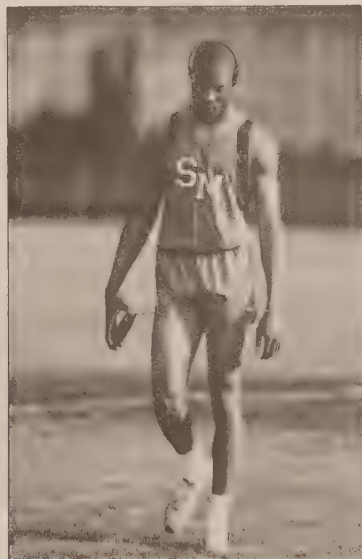
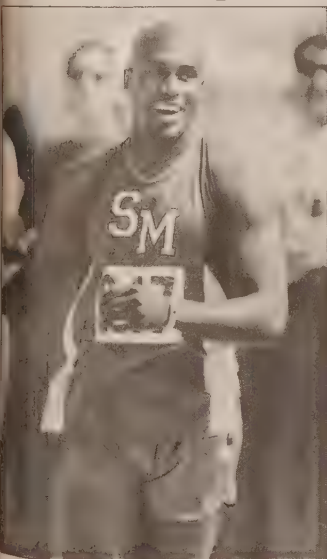
Due to the strength of the competitors, Williams was forced into a position he hadn't been in too many times this year—that of the underdog in an inside lane.

"I was in lane two, and I had to work hard just to make up the stagger and get into the race," he said. "By the time we got into the backstretch, I didn't have a lot left."

The 400 winner was Kevin Baker of Mesquite, Texas who clocked a blazing 46.89, nearly half a second better than Williams PR, a hand timed 47.2.

As was the case for Williams, even Mack's best effort may not have been enough at GWI. Yeidell won the triple jump and entered the

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File '98 Jeff Lindquist

SM's Jafar Williams, left, and Jerriod Mack are in Illinois next week. Is Europe next?

Lady Jackets' Jualeah Woods comes back home

1990 Berkeley High grad now assistant coach for Cal's women's basketball team.

By Scott Sirain

Jualeah Woods has had to put her dreams of professional basketball behind her. At least temporarily.

The former Berkeley High all-state player tried out for both the American Basketball League, and the Women's National Basketball Association in the last few months.

She wanted to know if she still had what it takes.

The answer was, well yes, in a manner of speaking. She made it to the next-to-the-last cut at the Los Angeles Sparks (WNBA) camp and was on the draft list for the ABL combine, but was not picked.

So, right now her pro dreams are "on the back burner," she said. "I love the game too much not to play it, but I'm not really seeking it (pro ball) right now."

Thus, Woods is back in Berkeley. She has just taken a position as

'It's great to be back home. Nothing has changed — it is still wild and crazy Berkeley where anything goes.'

—JUALEAH WOODS, CAL ASS'T COACH

an assistant coach with the Cal women's basketball team after eight years in the Los Angeles area coaching and teaching. Woods replaced Carol Alfano, who was named to head Mills' program.

"It's great to be back home," she said. "Nothing has changed — it is still wild and crazy Berkeley where anything goes."

Woods' job right now is mainly paperwork — compiling recruiting lists, setting up video exchanges. She has only been on the job since June 1. She really isn't in tune

enough to know what Cal needs in the way of players. The Golden Bears won just three Pac-10 games last season.

"All I know is that the team has some problems and it will take (head coach) Marianne Stanley some rebuilding to get the team where she wants it to be," Woods said. "My goal is to help her and learn as much as I can from one of the best coaches in the business. I want to take that knowledge and apply it."

Woods and Stanley go back a

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File '98 Jeff Lindquist
Cal women's basketball coach Marianne Stanley.

Bears' assistant is named new head hoop coach at Mills

By Jelani Harper

Amidst rumors that Mills College was set to drop its basketball program, the Cyclones have announced that Carol Alfano, an assistant coach at Cal under Marianne Stanley, will replace Debbie Myers, who coached Mills' team the past three years.

According to athletic director Helen Carroll, Myers will continue to coach high school teams in the area.

"We're very excited about our basketball program. By hiring a new coach in addition to joining the Cal-Pac conference, we're looking to get it going strong," remarked Carroll.

Last week the Cyclones, who were previously an independent, were accepted into the NAIA Cal-Pac beginning in the 1999-2000

season. The Cyclones will join the North Division along with Oakland's Patten and Holy Names and Pacific Union, Simpson, Cal State-Maritime and Dominican.

Last winter the Cyclones finished 5-16, a two-game improvement over the previous year's 3-21 showing, in which they had to forfeit the last three games because of lack of player participation.

Fortunately next year's team will see a return of all five starters. Captain Nadia Khuzaie will lead the Cyclones at point guard, and should get strong support around the basket from junior center Kerrin Parker. Freshmen Lindsay Duckles and Jennifer Dalton showed promise at the two-guard and the small forward positions, while Adrienne Rodriguez should help up front at power forward.



Lady Athletics' Lily Bermeo, shut out the Hot Shots as Annie Jollymore took the loss.

Jackets' Lily Bermeo tops Skyline's Annie Jollymore

Last Sunday, the Oakland Lady Athletics of the Bobby Sox Prep Division (14-18 year-olds), coached by Linda Thompson, won both games at Thurgood Marshall Field in a doubleheader against the Oakland Hot Shots, coached by Skyline's Anita Tregle.

Hurler, Lily Bermeo of Berkeley High, won the opener, 7-0, pitching a no-hitter and striking out 10 batters. Skyline's Annie Jollymore recorded the loss. Denesha Gardner won the second game.

Saturday, the Athletics split a doubleheader with San Leandro at Laney. Bermeo lost the first game, 4-2, striking out eight batters as San

Leandro scored three unearned runs. Mali Benvenuti of Holy Names High, won the second game, 5-3, striking out seven.

The Athletics opened the Bobby Sox season two weeks ago with a doubleheader at Laney, winning both games against North Valley/Milpitas.

Bermeo won the opener, 9-1, striking out 13 batters; Benvenuti was the winner of the second game, 12-6, with the help of pitcher Denesha Gardner, who contributed four strikeouts to earn the save.

The next games for the Athletics will be Saturday at Laney, against the Salinas Rhythm. Game times are 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Eagle

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Billy Zeier," says Eagle, who maintains a 3.6 GPA. "He taught me how to be a leader and a winner. This year we were able to turn things around because the guys wanted to win, and we had good coaching and just hustled and played hard."

Perhaps none more so than Mark Johnson, Albany's ace pitcher. After an early loss to St. Joseph and a near-loss to Salesian, (in which Eagle hit a three-run homer to seal the victory), first-year coach Josh Freeman sat his team down for an inspirational chat in which Johnson was the impetus.

"Mark is our hustle guy, he always tries his hardest whenever he's in practice or a game," explains Eagle. "Fuzzy (Freeman) pointed that out to us, and it made everybody realize that we all can hustle out there, not just him. He really showed us something during that talk, and everybody felt it."

The results began to show immediately, and not just in the win-loss column either.

"That talk helped me out a lot," says Eagle. "Before, if I hit a grounder I would just kind of take it or leave it, but now I'll run as fast as I can to try to get to first. The idea is to force the other team to make the play, instead of vice versa."



Eagle: "Next year we'll beat the Encinals and El Cerrito and we're going to really show them something."

With this new attitude, the eagles marched boldly into their round playoff match, where they slugged it out for eight innings. St. Joe before eventually falling 2-

Still, Albany fans have to take into account that the Cougars, nowhere near the playoffs last year and according to Eagle the playoff exit gives them some to shoot for next time around.

"Next year we'll be a multi-team," predicts Eagle, working out three to four times a week, and our team has a winning attitude on and off the field. Next year we'll beat the Encinals, Cerrito's, and we're going to show them something."

St. Mary's

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all-time high school top 10 with a mark of 53-3-1/4. The second place finisher from Illinois jumped 51-7, seven inches better than Mack's 51-0 two weeks ago in Southern California.

Mack was impressed by the winning mark. "I know I can jump 52 feet," he said. "But 53 feet, that's way out there."

Next up for the Panthers duo is the ultimate big meet, the U.S.

Amateur Track and Field National Championship, Edwardsville, Ill. next Friday, Saturday.

The top two qualifiers in the 100 and under competition are set to become members of the U.S. National team which travels internationally.

With personal bests likely to make the squad, Mack sums up his strategy: "I need to step up. I'm pretty confident I can do it."

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Woods

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long way. Stanley recruited her to play at USC after Woods graduated from BHS in 1990. She played for The Women of Troy for four years. She played alongside Lisa Leslie, whose Morningside High team defeated Woods' Berkeley squad in the state championship game that year.

After graduation from college, Woods became the frosh-soph coach at Santa Monica High. She then spent two years as the varsity girls coach. In her first year, she took her team to the first round of the Southern Section playoffs, where it lost to Simi Valley.

In her second year, the team finished fourth in its league and didn't make the playoffs.

She was teaching physical education at Franklin Elementary in Santa Monica when she got the call from Stanley.

"She (Stanley) and (assistant

Cal coach) Barbara Thaxton stayed in contact with me," Woods said. "We talked a lot. When she (Stanley) first talked to be about this, she said she might have a position open on the staff. A couple of months later, it was offered and I accepted."

By then, her dream of pro ball was derailed and she was ready to come back home and give college coaching a try.

"She felt that I was trustworthy and that I would work hard for her," Woods said of Stanley. Woods is already putting in eight-hour days.

Woods would like, when she has some time, to play some basketball.

"I'd like to find some team to play for," she said. "I'd like to play as much as possible."

But right now, she doesn't have much time. She is on a new job and working for Cal.

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El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Glinernick

Highly successful department store petition drive ends

Having won the support of over 8,200 area citizens, local activist Kathie Perka this week formally ended her highly successful petition drive and turned the job of working out the details necessary to bring a department store to El Cerrito over to city officials.

News of her action came in a letter she sent Mayor Jane Bartke, the rest of the members of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency and the El Cerrito Chamber.

In a statement to the Chamber following the release of her letter, Perka expressed her thanks to the 8,215 people who backed her efforts, to the many citizens and groups who circulated her petitions, and to the City Council members who have pledged their support.

"My petition," she told the Chamber, "has been instrumental in proving that a department store cannot be convinced it would be worthwhile to locate here."

"The people have spoken out loudly and clearly leaving no doubt of their strong desire for a department store. It doesn't necessarily have to be a Gottschalks. Any full scale department store will do."

Perka, an associate member of the Chamber, went on to say that citizens had done all they could to further this goal and that it is now time for our elected representatives to figure out a way to give the people what they want.

This, she added, might not be an easy thing to do.

"The two major owners of the Plaza are now considering whether or not it would be economically feasible for them to locate a department store there," she said.

"If they feel it is not in their best interest to do so, city officials and the Redevelopment Agency are going to have to see if there is anything they can do to encourage the Plaza owners to take on such a store."

"Failing that, city officials are going to have to pro-actively seek to encourage other department store chains to consider locating here, and are going to have to work out alternative sites in El Cerrito where they could locate such a store."

The following is the full text of Perka's letter to Mayor Bartke:

The past several months have proved to be very exciting. Since I launched my petition to lobby Gottschalks to consider locating a store in El Cerrito, 8,235 people have signed, including you and the other members of the Council. I sincerely appreciate your support in this endeavor.

My objective was to do something positive for the community and to assist and to augment the City's efforts to revitalize the Plaza. The overwhelming success of the petition has provided a clear indication of what the community wants — a quality department store at The Plaza — and more importantly, my goal to attract the serious interest of such a store to El Cerrito has been realized. As I have reported to you before, in conversations and correspondence, Mr. Joe Levy, Chairman and CEO of Gottschalks, has told me he is negotiating with the owners of the Plaza property (American Stores and El Cerrito Plaza Company) to bring a store to town. Like so many who signed the petition, Mr. Levy sees the opportunity that exists here in El Cerrito.

As a private citizen I can only take this so far. The petition has done its job by bringing Gottschalks to the table. The community is now looking to the Council to take it that final step forward to reality. Councilmember Friedman, as Chair of the Redevelopment Agency has pledged to do all that he can to assist and "part of that commitment is to make sure that American Stores and El Cerrito Plaza Company come back to us

with a plan that includes a department store." I trust that you, as Mayor, join in this commitment.

El Cerrito has the momentum to bring a quality department store to the community and with continued positive thinking and actions on all our parts we can make it happen!

Luncheon deadline nears

There are only two days left to make reservations for the El Cerrito Chamber's final business luncheon before the traditional spring break.

The noon session is Monday, June 22, at Little Angie's Restaurant and Tavern, 6115 Potrero Ave. Members and guests planning to attend are asked to call the Chamber staff at 233-7040 for reservations and menu selection before the close of business tomorrow.

Guest speaker for the meeting will be City Manager Gary Pokorny, whose topic will be "The City Budget for 1998-99 or More Than You Wanted To Know About City Finances."

Following this session there will be no more business meetings for the rest of the summer. The luncheons will resume on Monday, Sept. 28.

Don't be left out

Local business people are being advised they must act soon if they wish to avoid being left out of the second annual El Cerrito/Albany/Kensington Local Yellow Page Directory now being prepared for printing.

Put out by In-Ads Publishers, a member of the El Cerrito Chamber, the Directory will contain listing and ads from area businesses, community information, money-saving coupons, first aid advice, earthquake information, and local school poetry.

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rebated to the Chamber. Call 552-0899 for more information

Chamber members active July 4

Three associate chamber members — The El Cerrito Lions Club, LITA Of Contra Costa, and El Cerrito-Albany Masonic Lodge No. 686 — are scheduled to participate in this year's 4th Of July Community Fair.

Sponsored annually by the El Cerrito Rotary Club, the day-long holiday celebration will once again be held at the Community Center, 7007 Moerser Lane.

Members of the El Cerrito Lions will man an information table. In addition to distributing material about their organization, members of the local service club will also be demonstrating the cleaning and sorting process being employed in their current drive to recycle unwanted or outdated eyeglasses and sunglasses.

The local Lions are asking those planning to attend the July 4 Fair to look through their drawers for unwanted glasses and bring them to the fair.

The glasses collected will become part of a unique Lions Club recycling program designed to upgrade the vision of the poor in developing countries, where eyewear is often unaffordable or inaccessible.

LITA (Love Is The Answer), an organization that arranges for volunteers to visit with lonely residents in nursing homes each week, will be conducting a prize drawing at the Fair.

Tickets to win one of a dozen valuable prizes will be \$2 each or \$3 for \$5. Proceeds will be used to help cover the group's operating expenses throughout the year.

For the 12th year the El Cerrito-Albany Masons will be serving a spaghetti feed at the celebration.

Proceeds from this year's effort by the Masons will be



A crowd of some 130 people showed up late last month to celebrate the opening of the newly remodeled and fully modernized Ball Chiropractic Center, located in the former James Realty facility at 10468 San Pablo Ave. On hand for the official ribbon cutting ceremony were, left to right: Dr. Joe Ball, El Cerrito Mayor Jane Bartke, Chamber of Commerce President Bill Kerber, and Dr. Carol Ball.

donated to the El Cerrito Senior Center. Food will be served from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Make CCCT reservations early

Local playgoers are urged to make reservations early for "Oklahoma!" the next production of the Contra Costa Civic Theatre, an associate chamber member.

In calling for early

reservations, management of the neighborhood theater at 951 Pomona Ave. noted that most performances of their recent production of "The Music Man" had been sold out.

The Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein musical will run from July 10 through August 9. Performances are Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Reservations: 524-9132.

Local students win Kiwanis scholarships

The Kiwanis Club of Berkeley announced this year's winners of the Gordon Whitehead and the Kiwanis Club of Berkeley Scholarships for graduating high school seniors at the June 16 meeting of Berkeley Kiwanis.

Five area high school seniors were awarded Gordon Whitehead Scholarships:

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\$10,000; Amritha Raghunathan of Albany High, \$2,000; Betty Fei-hsia of Albany High, \$2,000; Wen-yen Chou of El Cerrito High, \$2,000; and Julia Cosgrove of Berkeley High, \$2,000.

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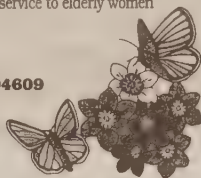
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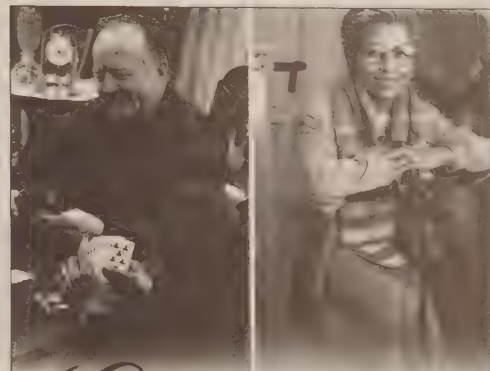
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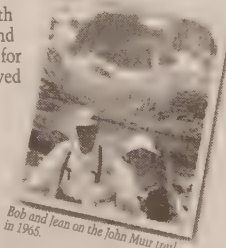
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profit Center for the Study of Services, has created an Internet web site offering consumer tips.

The website, www.checkbook.org, offers evaluations of San Francisco Bay area firms based on consumer surveys, state records of customer complaints, price comparisons and other methods.

The organization says its guarantee of unbiased information is based in part on the fact that it accepts advertising neither in its magazine nor on its web site.

Each article typically provides consumer advice regarding a given service and ratings of Bay Area businesses that offer the service. Most articles on the web are available for \$7 to \$10, depending on length, and discounts are provided for magazine subscribers.

Lily Society show

The Golden State Lily Society hosts the largest lily show in California on Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21 from noon to 5 p.m. in

addition to a display of judged hybrid Asiatic and Oriental lilies, there will be Ikebana flower arrangements, growing information, sale of bulbs, plants and floral pieces, door prizes and refreshments. Free admission, \$2 parking at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. (next to Fairyland), Oakland. Call 232-8041.

RAC classes

Classes at the Richmond Art Center started June 16, and run through Aug. 20. They range from single day workshops to 10-week courses and are offered days, evenings and weekends. Classes for adults are presented Monday through Friday nights. Classes for kids and teens are offered Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Registration is now open for over 50 classes and workshops. Call 620-6772 for a class schedule, or more information. Richmond Art Center is located at 2540 Barrett Ave. in the Civic Center Plaza and has plenty of free parking.

Father Time

KECG radio, 88.1 and 97.7 FM presents Father Time with Doug

Spangler, America's first weekly radio show for and about dads, every Saturday at 11 a.m. To celebrate Father's Day, Doug discusses the meaning and needs of fatherhood today with Marcus LeGall, grandfather, and Jason Jensen, new father.

MTC award nominations

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission is asking for nominations for its 1998 awards, which recognize people, programs and organizations in the Bay Area that have improved transportation.

The commission also needs nominations for a Special Transportation Employee Award and two other special awards.

The Doris W. Kahn Accessible Transportation Award honors efforts that led to significant improvement in elderly or disabled services, and the John F. Foran Legislative Award honors a state or federal legislator whose work has had a positive effect on transportation.

The nomination deadline is June 19 and awards will be announced at a ceremony in late September.

For an application form, call (510) 464-7787.

Viewpoint

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class is only for musicals, and any other education in performing arts is limited to the Theater Ensemble — an after school club. Although the Theater Ensemble puts on spectacular performances, members have regular struggles finding a director willing to work for "charity cases." These are only a few examples of the difficulties students interested in the arts have to deal with. Time and again, when like paupers, students beg for any available funds for classes we love, the same apologetic "No Money" answer is heard. Recently however, students have become more enlightened as to where some of the "nonexistent" money is going — for example, the half million dollar lunch portable-complete with sneeze guards.

In reaction to AHS funding priorities and a lack of communication between students and administration, leaders Carter and Waugh organized a protest in

front of principal Lois Woods-Green's office, with close to 300 student participants involved. When Woods-Green refused to acknowledge the concerns of students, the protesters peacefully signed a petition for the arts and then walked to Superintendent Dale Hudson's office. He agreed to a meeting with the students the following Wednesday to discuss the numerous problems with the arts program. The meeting itself was a large disappointment for anyone who wanted questions answered in a straightforward manner minus the ambiguity of political responses. No conclusions were reached and many students left the meeting feeling like impotent pawns. Carter and Waugh, however, refused to give up the fight and staged another protest after

classes ended on the last day of school for which they now face suspension.

It is ironic that an administration that struggles to silence voices of students for the arts were probably the same college students protesting the Vietnam War on video shown in our History class. How can parents, educators, Albany citizens do nothing to help would-be artists, musicians, performers lack funding for classes?

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School

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were in our parking place, we'd let the air out of their tires. You know — nothing real hothead-like ... just the kind of harmless highjinks that kids have always done in high school."

Near the speakers platform, young and old listened to the cool jazz of District 5, an Albany High quintet. Folks wandered about taking photos, sharing phone numbers and memories. Many bought mementoes on sale — items ranging from doors, hand railings and tables to old microscopes and desks. Handmade maple pencils carved out of floorboards from the old school were on sale, as were wooden panels from the principal's office — an item one sensed from conversations had been polished by the empty gazes of many of the alumni gathered there.

Tours led by graduates from the classes of 1988 and '89 took adults into the cavernous shadows of the old building's basement. Yellow warning tape crisscrossed the doorways of musty classrooms. Tour guides pointed to a blackboard that had been walled over and not uncovered until workers recently began preparation for demolition. The blackboard still had writing on it,

lessons scribbled in chalk during the early 1940s.

Tables and chairs had been removed from most classrooms, though in the science lab some old desks remained, as did blacktopped lab sinks with arching stainless-steel faucets. There also appeared to be the remains of a science experiment, glass tubes and bunsen burners abandoned when the building was condemned last year.

Upstairs in the old building, large rectangular windows stacked up to the ceilings still illuminated classrooms, though the dust of early demolition created shafts of light much like one would experience in a cathedral. And as many adults wandered the hallways of their youth, there was a palpable sense of reverence.

Many making the tour of the old building made a pilgrimage to their old lockers. "I used to keep some of the strangest things in my locker," one woman remarked with an expression of one who had found an old childhood toy. "I can't believe it's still here," she said as she struggled to fight back tears.

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Track

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for budget reasons.

"It's an opportunity that needs to be there," said willing coach Mark Hutt, presently the school's cross country and junior varsity soccer coach. "It's like missing out on any other thing in life. [Track and field sports] are the fundamentals of all other sports — discipline, mental aspects, physical aspects."

Former Albany mayor Thelma Rubin introduced a survey in which 331 students from grades 9 to 11, and 73 students from the eighth

grade were queried about their interest in a track and field program returning to the high school. According to the survey, 26 eighth grade students and 68 students, freshman through juniors, said they would want to sign up for track and field next spring.

Rich Gillette said his son Matt, a junior this coming fall, would go out for track if given the opportunity. Matt currently plays baseball and runs for the Cross Country team.

"My kid would probably describe himself as a runner," said Gillette.

"He's done the Bay to Breakers every year of his life except one."

The Albany chapter of the Lions Club have already donated \$500 to the cause, according to Rubin. "We only need \$9,500 more." However, said Rubin: "It's hard to get community support if you can't say the program will be added."

In other business:
The board adopted five resolutions awarding bids to contractors that will move Cornell's seismic retrofitting project into Phase II. Tasks yet to be done were split

up into five divisions: environmental work, asbestos removal and examination of the walls' interior; related construction; electrical; acoustical and ceilings; and painting.

The district awarded a total of \$155,867 to the lowest bidder of each respective division.

"All bids for the five divisions are within our cost estimates," said Superintendent Dale Hudson.

Board member Bill Cain confirmed Hudson's statement saying that the bids came in 17 percent below estimates.

Frustrate

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students in the theater were in no mood to let school officials off the hook.

"It has been a difficult year crowded into portable classrooms and having no gym," said Chris Carter, a protest organizer, in his opening remarks. Acknowledging the overall lack of money, Carter said the district's main focus on the middle school has effectively limited programs at the high school.

"You should change spending priorities and commit to the high school. It will promote teamwork and raise morale," he said.

Speaking about deficiencies in the theater department, Costume Master John Sanderson told of flooding in the costume closet and the need for a permanent storage space for what was called the largest collection of theatrical costumes in the area.

"The biggest problem is that you do not support creative people," said theater buff Jordan Wold, going on to describe the life-enhancing benefits of the drama to high school students. Peter Kalagian-Federico made a similar pitch for the aesthetic value of a strong arts program.

John Holzman, captain of the soccer team, Abby McCullough and Casey Jackson, captain of the cross country team, described the humiliation of having to train without proper equipment and wearing "worn-out uniforms, ragtag sweat pants or even their own clothes" when competing against fully outfitted schools.

Wages

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— a process that in recent years has become a political football game extended into overtime — both sides agreed in their contract that teachers would be entitled to whatever remained in last year's budget after deducting a salary increase for new instructors.

District officials claim that it cost \$100,000 to increase starting salaries while the union maintains that amount was actually \$66,000.

Assistant Superintendent of the Budget Connie Hubbard, CTA President Les Rogers and union Vice President Don De Pasquale recently met with a mediator to try and resolve the dispute.

(Mediators are members of a consulting service originally brought in by mutual agreement of the CTA and the ASD to broker an agreement between teachers and the district two years ago when both sides were at loggerheads and a teacher strike appeared imminent.)

According to Hubbard, the issue

of a possible error in calculation is a mute point. She recently told *The Journal* that "The district is operating under (section) 11.406 of the contract that reads 'should any disagreement arise regarding the 97-98 salary schedule required under this agreement, the mediators shall maintain final jurisdiction to rule regarding whether proposed salary schedule meets the requirements of this agreement.' And so we are going with what the mediators rule."

Hubbard added "Our issue is not even with the specific figures. Both parties agreed to turn it over to mediation, and that in the event of a disagreement, the mediator's decision would be final."

Union President Rogers has a different view. "Right now we feel that we should not have to eat their (the district's) mistake. No one has addressed the issue of a mathematical error. Even the mediators haven't addressed that. If the district says 2 and 2 is 3 and we say, no, 2 and 2 is 4, just because we agreed that the

mediators have the final say, that does not mean that we have to agree that 2 and 2 is 3-1/2. That just doesn't make sense."

The district maintains that \$20,000 is due to Albany's teachers while the union claims that figure is closer to \$55,000 — an amount that would translate into a 1.5 percent pay increase. Mediators took a third position, claiming that the amount of money due teachers is \$32,500, though apparently they did not explain how they arrived at that figure.

Since the union maintains that the district made an error, they are appealing the decision of the mediators to the Public Employees Relations Board in Sacramento where an administrative judge will hear both sides and make a ruling. It is not known how long it will be before that ruling is made.

In the meantime, negotiations between the union and the district for next year's contract are scheduled to begin this July.

Notices

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noted that it had a more "guilty until proven innocent" quality to it than the letter from Fire Chief Stephen Cutright that accompanied the abatement notice.

But Councilmember Norman LaForce said that sometimes a notice needs to be worded in a "strong, serious way" to get people to pay attention to it. LaForce noted that fire hazard abatement "is a serious problem," and that compliance is

important.

"There are legal and financial consequences for people who ignore the notice," he added.

Councilmember Gina Brusatori suggested that since the word is out that El Cerrito is serious about fire hazard abatement, the notice letter can now be toned down.

James Larkin, who has lived in El Cerrito for 20 years, said the notice he received upset both him and his wife and that he had to play "phone tag" with Captain Carr for some time, making repeated calls, before the matter was cleared up. "This says do it by July 26 or we're coming in," Larkin said of the abatement notice and was clearly upset by its tone.

El Cerritan Faye Chow said she and her husband received an abatement notice, but that they had no rubbish or weeds to clean up as far as she could tell. "Is there some other way of wording this (notice)?" she asked, suggesting each abatement notice tell the owner specifically what must be cleaned up or removed. Another resident, Mimi Bull, brought pictures of pine and

eucalyptus trees growing near her Brewster Drive home that she said are a fire hazard and she complained of clogged storm drains the city has apparently failed to clean.

Councilmember Larry Damon noted that Fire Chief Cutright and Fire Prevention Officer Carr were "taking notes" on the public discussion and that there has been "consistent improvement" in the fire hazard abatement program from the beginning.

There was no discussion about the effectiveness of the fire hazard abatement program itself, which was begun in 1992 in response to the 1991 Oakland/Berkeley hills firestorm.

A staff report prepared for the council notes that "Actual city-ordered abatement of fire hazards occurs only after all efforts at providing notice, information, and a public hearing have failed to induce voluntary compliance by the property owner."

The El Cerrito program, according to the report, is said to be a "model program" that has been copied by other fire districts.

inventory of theatrical costumes but, until a projected costume and prop room is built in three years, they may have to be stored in homes around town, he said. Hudson told students there was no possibility of an Advanced Choir class next year.

Larger art facilities will be provided when the 30-year-old Little Theater building is remodelled which will also occur after completion of the new high school.

"It's true that the academic program does not stand alone as preparation for college and life as well," Hudson said, addressing students' concern about a lackluster sports program. Comparing Albany's 900-student high school with Berkeley's 2,000 to 3,000 enrollment, "A small school just can't do everything a large one can," he said.

As for the district's inability to give the students what they want, Hudson gave them the bottom line: "You're right. It's the dollars. A new parcel tax may be the only way to solve these problems."

"The budget is simple," said school board member Bill Cain. "Revenue equals expenditure or it is not legal." Eighty percent of district revenues are controlled by the state and 20 percent have strings attached, so the board has little discretion on how the money is spent, Cain said.

School board member Marsha Skinner praised the students for their involvement and urged them to take their proposals to the School Site Council which can find outside funding, and to ask Ariel Rubin and Sarah Meister, student representa-

tives to the school board, to bring their concerns to the board regularly.

School board president Dianne McNenny assured students the board is listening, but told them that the district has a \$400,000 deficit. Board vice president Owen H. Jones said he admired the students' spirit and vowed to put his best efforts into improving conditions.

Respectfulness abated considerably when it came to the question and answer period. Though one student in the audience told officials "we feel your pain," others complained of having to pay "participation fees" for programs, of having a tacky lunch room, few bathrooms and some bathrooms locked. Woods-Green said boys' bathrooms had to be locked because of fires that have been set.

Students gave a big round of applause to a parent who said, "You should shift resources from kids who will benefit later to the present students who are getting the short end of the stick."

And they clapped enthusiastically when a student accused officials of doing nothing. "Do something!" she exclaimed.

"Did anything get solved?" Carter asked as the students got up to leave.

"No!" they shouted.

"We've got two days to get something done," he said.

Options

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employees are "fairly compensated." He said that in the past, El Cerrito had a "revolving door" situation where people would come here to receive training in police, fire and other services, and then move on to higher paying cities. This situation, LaForce said, was rectified for a while, but now El Cerrito wages are again falling behind. "Over the years we've asked our employees to wait to the next year, wait to the next year, all in the hopes that things would get better," LaForce said. He said he wasn't sure that the council should keep asking employees to wait anymore. "That's the policy matter," he noted. LaForce said another meeting is necessary for staff to come back and present the council with various budget options.

The Services for the 21st Century Committee of the Whole, the council-appointed citizens group studying the city budget outlook and options for the coming years, had several "interim recommendations" for the council. One recommendation especially, that the council begin conducting regular budget reviews throughout the fiscal year, was embraced by the council. The committee also recommended using more footnotes in the budget presentation to explain transactions and fund transfers and proposed making employee time allocation in various departments at least once per year.

Councilmember Mark Friedman suggested that some type of "trigger mechanism" be used to alert staff of over or under spending during the next fiscal year. Friedman summarized the "wider policy issues" broached during the meeting and to be discussed more next week: The general fund reserves policy, the Redevelopment Agency debt, employee compensation and the policy of charging surcharge recreation fees to nonresidents.

Councilmember Gina Brusatori and Larry Damon also voiced similar concerns and agreed more time was needed. "We're facing reality on this thing here," Damon said. Fiscal year 1998/99 begins July 1 and, as one staff report notes, "state law and good business practice" requires the council to adopt a budget each fiscal year.

The additional council budget study session will be Monday June 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the council chambers at the Community Center.



Martin Snapp

It's Trad, Dad: It was an opportunity I couldn't pass up — a chance to see my favorite actress appearing on my favorite radio show at my favorite music venue.

The actress is Mare Winningham. I've always liked realistic actors, the kind who can make a character shine through without calling attention to their technique. The late Lloyd Bridges was a good example. So, in that matter, are his sons, Beau and Jeff. And Winningham is another.

She'll probably never win an Oscar, because she doesn't go in for the scenery-chewing, over-the-top hamminess that passes for acting these days. All she does is make her characters with crystal-clear, sometimes heartbreaking, clarity. Her craft is all about subtlety and nuance.

And it turns out, she brings these same gifts to her second career as a country-rock singer. That's what she was doing last Saturday: appearing with her rock-derriere band on my favorite radio show, "West Coast Live." It shouldn't be a surprise that a good actor is also a good singer. Ever since Sinatra revolutionized popular song by singing his lyrics the way people actually talk, a prime requirement for singers has been the ability to evoke character and tell stories in 4/4 time.

Of course, it doesn't hurt that Winningham wrote most of her songs, and presumably she wrote them in her own voice. Still, listening to her was like listening to a exquisite little one-act plays with a catchy country-rock beat.

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I caught Winningham and her band playing on my favorite radio show, "West Coast Live." WCL is a throwback to the Golden Age of Radio back in the '30s, complete with a live audience. The main difference is that the performers don't wear tuxedos. Every Saturday morning from 10 to noon, host Sedge Thomson serves up a tasty, eclectic mix of performers and writers. Last Saturday was typical: Besides Winningham and her band, the show featured a great a cappella group called The House Jacks, authors Nicholson Baker and Peter S. Beagle, and monologist Josh Korbuth doing shtick from his current one-man Ben Franklin show.

Unfortunately, "West Coast Live" usually takes place in San Francisco. And after a full week of 9-to-5, it's a pain to get up early enough on Saturday to be in the city by 10 a.m.

But last weekend (and this coming weekend, too), Thomson moved the whole shebang over to this side of the Bay, to the Freight & Salvage in Berkeley.

Now, there are very few venues that can compare with Freight & Salvage. It's an old auto body shop that has been converted into a state-of-the-art music hall, with a great sound system, comfy chairs and the mellowness of vines.

It's the perfect place for a program like "West Coast Live," far superior to the show's regular home at the Cowell Theater at Fort Mason. (Hint, hint, Sedge, if you're reading this.)

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reminds him of Brooklyn ... Don't feel too bad for boring KGO radio talker Shann Nix — even though she's just been bounced from weekdays. Nix still has a huge contract paying her around \$225,000. She got it when KGO matched now-defunct KPIX radio's offer for her three years ago. Her next pact won't be quite as large, you can be sure.

Remember, it's not "KGO News," any more. Thanks to Disney and KGO's new G.M., it's

"West Coast Live" can be heard live every Saturday morning on KALW (91.7 FM) from 10 to noon, with a repeat broadcast Sunday afternoon from 1 to 3. If you have Real Audio, you can also catch it via the Internet every Saturday evening at 7 p.m. at www.whyy.org/91FM/live.html.

But the most fun of all is to see the show in person. It'll be in the East Bay one more time this Saturday, again at the Freight. (Among the scheduled performers: singer-songwriter Joe Ely, the Austin Lounge Lizards, and authors David Sedaris and Roy Blount, Jr.)

The following week, the show will be broadcast from the Legion of Honor in San Francisco. Then Sedge will take the show to — of all places — Alaska for two months before coming home to the Bay Area. So this Saturday will be your last chance to catch it live for quite a while.

Meanwhile, I can't let the occasion pass without wishing Freight & Salvage a happy 30th birthday. It hardly seems that long, but in the last three decades a veritable who's who of folk, blues, country and zydeco artists have passed through the Freight, many of them making their debuts.

The Freight is operated by a non-profit group called the Berkeley Society for the Preservation of Traditional Music, a high-falutin' name that gives no indication of the Freight's down-home charm. The Freight should be declared a public treasure, and you should take advantage of it. Just walk right in, sit yourself down, and let the good times roll!

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Are you one of those who missed out on the last episode of "Seinfeld" because of the cable outage in Berkeley? TCI will refund you a couple of bucks on your next bill. But it won't happen automatically; you'll have to call and ask for it. Phone: 262-1800.

And finally, do you sit, stay and bark on cue? This could be your ticket to stardom. A new theatrical company is seeking a "large, mellow female dog with good timing" to play the role of Crab the Dog in an all-female production of Shakespeare's "Two Gentlemen of Verona." (Turnabout is fair play: In Shakespeare's time, all the female roles were played by men.)

Auditions will be held this Saturday afternoon at Live Oak Park in Berkeley from 4 to 6. The play itself will be presented at Martin Luther King Park in Berkeley on July 11 and 18, at Mosswood Park in Oakland July 12, at Montclair Park July 19, and at Live Oak Park July 25. All shows will start at 1 p.m. and all are absolutely free.

The dog doesn't have to be any particular breed. All it has to be is big and female. "And," adds director Ellen Merritt, "it should not bite us."

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now "ABC 7 News." And that awful new news set looks like the press briefing room at an airport ... But at least the controversial Milt Weiss is now out as KGO's news director. He's the guy who cut loose or demoted talented people like Frank Kracher, Sydney Kohara, Carol Ivy, and Don Sanchez, replacing them with Fresno/Central Valley imports — at a lot less money, and it shows. People like Greg Gurule, Sam Shane, and Lianne "Lead Story" Melendez. And

don't forget everybody's favorite robo-anchor team, Weiss's main legacy — Terilyn "Sincerity" Joe and Dan "The Mannequin" Noyes. Weiss's replacement will be an improvement, and I also hear ABC 7's new management is ready to toss out some of ABC 7's anchors ... Just when you thought TV couldn't get any more obnoxious, KRON buys the new syndicated offering from Howie "The Human Emetic" Mandel. It starts Monday. Can "The Pauly Shore Show" be next?

Happy Father's Day: It will be just that for most of you Dads out there, and certainly for this one. Our first-born, my son, is getting married Saturday in Portland. For those of you parents out there for whom marriage still seems a long way off, let me assure you, it isn't. It seems like just yesterday I was laughing at "Sesame Street" with my toddler, who's now 23.

My son's in a relatively small demographic group; most of my fellow Baby Boomers were still years away from experiencing the joys (and hard work) of parenthood in 1974 when he was born. There was almost nothing about kids and parenting on TV in those days. Today you can't avoid babies and kids on the tube, which is good. Still, I could have used the support back then: When I'd go shopping alone with our baby, I'd get strange looks. Many more fathers are involved with their kids now than in 1974, believe me.

I also remember driving Panoramic Highway in Marin many times in the 70s and seeing an abandoned-looking playground down below. In over a year of driving that route almost daily, I never saw a single child on that Mill Valley playground in those (seemingly) childless days. Then, the lovely old grade school across the street from our house in San Rafael closed. Lack of clientele. We missed the sound of children playing, and we left Marin.

When you enter today's wedding world, you may find a lot has changed in these digital days from when you were hitched. My son and his fiancée, an Intel exec, live in Portland. Dorota's parents, college



Bill Mann

professors, both live in Dallas. Dorota couldn't decide which wedding gown to select. No problem; she threw up a web page with several pictures of dresses so her mother could help decide. For family members and guests coming to Saturday's ceremony, their wedding Web page (www.teleport.com/~dstroy/wedding/index.shtml) — in case you want to see how it's done) was expanded to include: Maps of Portland and the hotels where guests will be staying; maps of the Reed College campus where the wedding will take place; close-up photos of the couple's wedding rings; and even a copy of the invitation. And, of course, photos of the bride and groom.

These days, many young people can put up web pages with greater ease than it takes dad to mow the lawn — and faster, too. Welcome to the next millennium, Dad.

World Cup Fever: As a father, like so many Bay Area parents today, I was quite active in our two kids' soccer "careers." I helped coach my son's teams up until high school, then I ran the concession stand all four years my daughter played varsity high-school soccer, never missing a game.

I like, understand and support the sport. I say this as a prelude to a few comments about the World Cup going on now.

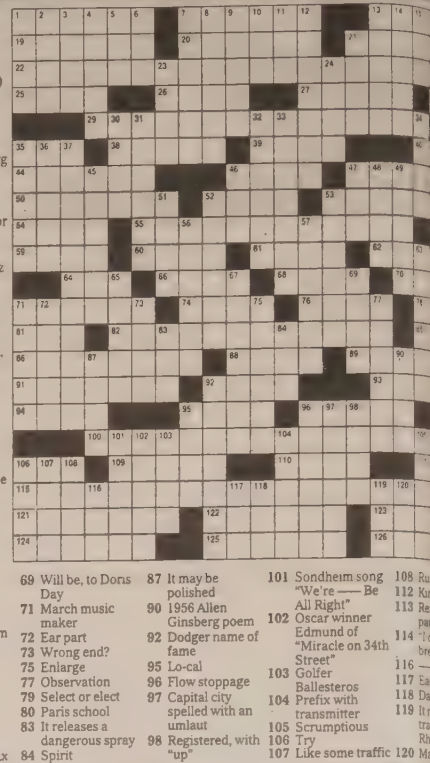
I've been sneaking a look at every Cup match I can this past week — on ESPN2, on Telemundo, on ABC. I'm into it. A few years ago, we were in Amsterdam when the Dutch team made the finals; the streets were deserted. I KNOW how popular the sport is worldwide, and I

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wholeheartedly support its growth in this country — anything that gives us less football and baseball.

But, with the possible exception of the World Cup, some candid, insightful observations by NBC exec Don Ohlmeyer (former head of ABC Sports) still hold true. Four years ago in Hollywood, during another Cup, Ohlmeyer told me, "Soccer will never be a spectator sport in this country. It will always be primarily a participant sport." I agree, and that's a good thing — we need more participants, fewer couch potatoes. Ohlmeyer explained: "We already have four well-entrenched pro sports here

— baseball, basketball, hockey, and football. The TV sports market is saturated. There's no room for soccer."

I'm afraid Ohlmeyer's right. And it's not a matter of understanding soccer, which is the criticism I always hear when I bring this up. I DO understand soccer. I've even attended Division One games in England. But the fact is, most of the time, soccer/football is deadly dull to watch on TV — not quite as slow as baseball, true, but almost. (NOTHING is slower than baseball on TV, except maybe postal chess matches).

One more heresy (which is sure to unleash even more angry

letter writing claiming I don't know soccer): If soccer would get rid of the offside rule and open up the game, THEN Americans might watch. There's nothing more frustrating watching Cup games than seeing a rare scoring opportunity stopped dead by a bad offside call — and there have been a lot of them, according to ABC's expert analysts. OK. Go ahead and write that angry letter now.

MEDIA NOTES: It's nice to see Oakland get some well-deserved good ink. Joe "Primary Colors" Klein, in a recent New Yorker piece on Jerry "The Other" Brown, says Brown has always been a mixture of "bull"

and "worth." Klein adds of Brown, "he's one of the most creative American politicians and one of the most annoying." I'll second the latter part. Klein then cites the "gloriously heterodox neighborhoods of Oakland — perhaps the most ethnically integrated cities in America." The perception, then adds, "And while Oakland will never be San Francisco, easily surpasses its reputation as a nexus for slums, superhighways and failing sports teams. It's surprisingly attractive and increasingly prosperous." Klein then mentions Oakland's "funky, defiant pride" and

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East Bay Events

Carillon Festival

The fifth Berkeley International Carillon Festival is taking place through June 20. More than 100 carillonneurs from around the world will be performing on the university's 61-bell carillon, which is operated by a keyboard of wooden levers and pedals. Call for a complete schedule. The Campanile, Sather Tower, UC Berkeley. Details: 642-2678.

Shotgun does 'Odyssey'

The Shotgun Players present a Summer Park Tour of Homer's *The Odyssey* beginning June 20 at Martin Luther King Park in downtown Berkeley. In this production, the *Odyssey* is an epic tale told through blues, puppetry, masks and humor. The original adaptation is by King Middle School teacher Richard Silberg, and is reshopped by Silberg's 10 and 11 year old drama students. The director is Amy Sass. The same cast will perform Shakespeare's *Richard III* the last weekend in July. Picnics, children and dogs are encouraged to attend. The performances run Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 1 p.m. in various East Bay parks through Aug. 20. For a complete tour schedule, call 525-0813.

Fun at Tilden

"Tilden Merry-Go-Round 50th Anniversary Celebration," June 20, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Celebrate the anniversary of the 1948 installation of this 1911 carousel with its hand-carved frogs, dragons, zebras, goats, deer and horses. There is also a vintage A.B. band organ transplanted from Brookline, N.Y. In addition to the band, there will be face painting, a historical display from the 50-year life of the carousel and balloon animals. To celebrate this milestone, 1948 prices will be in effect for the day: \$0.10 a ride. Details: 524-6773.

"Little Farm Open House," June 20, 1:30 p.m. A chance to meet and greet some of the farm's animals.

"Animal Tracking Basics," June 21, 10:30 a.m. Learn to identify animal tracks and make plaster casts of a few. For age 9 and older. Meet at the EEC. \$2.

"Tremendous Trees," June 21, 1 p.m. Learn about the natural history of trees. Meet at the EEC.

"Old-Fashioned Father's Day Campfire," June 21, 5:30 p.m.

Bring your dad, hot dogs and fixins', marshmallows and some long sticks to make dinner over a campfire. Bring a flashlight, too. Meet at the EEC.

"Father's Day Family Concert," June 21, 2 p.m. Storyteller Seth Caselman and singer Betsy Rose will entertain dads with stories and songs about the earth and family. At the EEC.

"Tilden Merry-Go-Round, June 20 through Labor Day. Try a ride on this historical 1911 carousel. Daily, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$1 a ride.

Take Canon Drive off Grizzly Peak Boulevard, Berkeley. Details: 525-2233.

Buy the Building Boogie'

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave. in Berkeley, will be the site of the "Buy the Building Boogie," June 20, 1 p.m. to 1 a.m., twelve hours of performance, a silent auction and raffle prizes. Performers include: Anoush Elias, Frog Legs, Motor Dude Zydeco, Tierra Ayrena, Ivson and Planet Rio, Hot Links, Marimba Pacifica, Tropical Vibrations, and The West African Highlife Band. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Details: 525-5054.

Juneteenth lecture

"African Encounters: A Historical Examination of the Interaction of African Peoples with People throughout the World," a free lecture with local historian and author Everett Jenkins Jr. in celebration of Juneteenth, is at the Berkeley Public Library's Claremont Branch, 2940 Benvenue Ave., on June 19 at 7:30 p.m. Details: 644-6880.

Stalin's Forgotten Zion



Morris and Rose Becker with their children Elizabeth and Mitchell in Monrovia, California, circa 1930. In 1931 Morris and Rose Becker moved from California to the ICOR Commune in Birobidzhan. Morris and Rose fervently believed in socialism and Zionism. Collection Dia Winograd.

Dark comedy

The Masquers Playhouse of Point Richmond presents a black comedy directed by Robert Hamm, *House of Blue Leaves* by John

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Having the right children's story to submit at the right time made all the difference to local author Robert D. San Souci.

From the small book to the big screen

By Lisa Coffey Mahoney

Acclaimed children's book author Robert D. San Souci was captivated by Disney animated films as a youngster, with "Fantasia" and "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" being his favorites, but he could never have imagined that he would one day have a hand in creating such a film.

Yet Disney's newest full-length animated film "Mulan," which opens June 19 in theaters all around the country, is based on a story written by San Souci, a San Francisco native who grew up in Berkeley and

A local author's children's story, rejected three times by publishers, premieres tomorrow as the latest Disney animated feature.

attended St. Mary's High School. San Souci's brother, Dan, an award-winning illustrator who has collaborated on several books with Robert, lives in Oakland's Crocker Highlands district.

"Mulan" is the story of a young woman who disguises herself as a man, joins the

Khan's army and fights the Tartars in place of her father, who had been drafted but is too ill to serve the Emperor.

"Mulan," which cost Disney more than \$100 million to produce, features the voice of Eddie Murphy, as Mulan's guardian dragon Mushu, as well as the voices of Pat Morita (the

Emperor), George Takei (First Ancestor) who regularly appeared in the television series *Star Trek*, Donny Osmond (singing voice of Shang) and Ming-Na Wen (Mulan) who starred in "The Joy Luck Club".

San Souci says that when he was a young boy he actually wrote to the Disney studios. "I told them how much I loved Donald Duck and Mickey Mouse," he recalled. "They sent me back an 8-1/2-inch by 11-inch color picture of Donald, Daisy, Mickey and Minnie all lined up at a little box office buying tickets for a movie," said

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Anima Mundi brings lizards and math to Beanbenders

By Carol Egan

The Anima Mundi Dance Company, directed by Kathryn Roszak and Christopher Castle, brings its latest work, *The Mathematics of Life*, to The Berkeley Store Gallery June 20 at 8:30 p.m. The piece features choreographer Kathryn Roszak, Berkeley actress Nancy Carlin, and visual artist/composer Christopher Castle with text by the French mathematician, Françoise Chatelin.

Roszak describes *The Mathematics of Life* as a "playful yet sophisticated"

performance combining music, dance, science, and art. It begins when the character of Professor Chatelin announces "I am going to tell you a tale of mathematics. ..." and the performance proceeds from a surrealist lecture into a Lewis Carroll-like presentation with dances based on lizard tracks, sacred geometry and the live creation of a giant spiral, a "ballet mécanique," and the music of pincoenes.

The work was inspired by a lecture Roszak and Castle attended two years ago. Roszak explains, "We were invited to go

to Copenhagen to be part of the Copenhagen International Cultural Festival, and we were asked to collaborate with scientists and other artists. While we were there we met this incredible lecturer." The lecturer in question was Françoise Chatelin, a Professor of Mathematics at the University of Toulouse. Her ideas struck them as being in line with their own recent work. After meeting with Chatelin, the three decided to collaborate.

As a starting point, they used a dance Kathryn had already

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GGF hosts all star blues show Friday

The horses are running and the cool jazz and blues are playing as Golden Gate Fields finishes its popular Jazz n' Blues musical series with the Bay Area Blues Society's "Caravan of All Stars" on June 19.

Featuring the best in Bay Area blues musicians, the Caravan of All Stars heats up the evening with the unique sound known as "Oakland Blues."

According to co-founder Ronnie Stewart, French polka, bayou blues, the twang of Texas tunes, and the acoustic, country sounds flowing from the Mississippi Delta all combined in the 1940s and 1950s to create what is now known as the West Coast Blues or Oakland Blues. While many may not think of Oakland as a hub of musical activity, Stewart reminds everyone that the grandfather of Oakland blues, Bob Geddin, wrote "The Thrill is Gone" at Seventh and Center streets in Oakland.

The non-profit Blues Society promotes Oakland's musical legacy through free lectures at local schools, an annual musical festival and its bands. Stewart says getting the word out on the area's rich musical history helps combat negative stereotypes of Oakland.

The music begins at 6 p.m. on June 19, and the racing action takes off at 6:15 p.m. Admission to the track is \$2 with the sweet sounds of The Caravan of All Stars included in the ticket price. Details: 559-7300.

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Guarantee.

Would-be songwriter, "Artie," his wife, "Bananas," his girlfriend "Bunny," his son (with a bomb) and three aggressive nuns eagerly await the pope's visit to New York City.

The play opens June 19, and plays Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. through July 19. Tickets are \$10 with group discounts for 25 or more. Reservations: 232-4031.

Austin Lounge Lizards

Freight and Salvage hosts the Austin Lounge Lizards and Bob Malone on June 19 at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Tickets: \$14.50.

Other upcoming shows:

Keith Terry and Crosspulse, June 20, \$14.50; Henri Dikongue, June 21, \$13.50; Lucy Kaplansky, June 22, \$14.50; Alice Gerrard, Brad Leftwich, Tom Sauber, June 25, \$14.50; The Nigerian Brothers, June 26, \$14.50; Guy Clark, June 27, \$16.50; The Modern Mandolin Quartet, David Balakrishnan, June 28, \$14.50.

Music at 8 p.m. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. Details: 548-1761.

'Walk in the Wild'

The Oakland Zoo's "Walk in the Wild" fundraiser June 20 at 5 p.m. is an evening of food and beverages from restaurants, wineries and breweries in the Bay Area, plus live music, a zoo dance perfor-

mance and walks with the animals. For adults only. Reservations required.

Tickets: \$50. Golf Links Road exit off Interstate Highway 580, Oakland. Details: 632-9525, ext. 132.

La Peña lineup

Upcoming at La Peña Cultural Center:

Vijay Iyer, June 19, 8 p.m. \$10. Caradura, Orix, Lodo y Asfalto, June 20, 8 p.m. \$7.

"Upscale Entertainment," June 21, 9 p.m. Featuring Bridge, Kimiko Joy, Never 2 Late and Boogie Shack. \$7.

"La Nueva Cancion" Night, June 26, 8 p.m. With Juan Sanchez, Arauco and Rafael Manriquez. \$8.

De Rompe y Raja, June 28, 8 p.m. \$8. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Details: 849-2568.

Sculpture and water

Once again this summer, A



Water-related sculpture comes to New Leaf Gallery.

New Leaf Gallery, 1286 Gilman St. in Berkeley, is bringing together a group of unique contemporary sculpture that features as an integral medium. The only such exhibit in the world, from June 20 through Aug. 2, features works mostly designed especially for A New Leaf Gallery by 24 sculptors. The Gallery's new

are Sun. through Tue. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The reception artists takes place Sat. from 2 to 5 p.m.

The over 40 works on view were created by 24 artists in a range of materials, including: bronze, marble, steel, ceramic, concrete and media. The works span a wide spectrum of size, medium and style.

Juneteenth event

• The Black Repertory Group present The Trilogy Tribute

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DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

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(U) The Big Lebowski.....3:30 p.m.
Coen Bros. Fest: The Big Lebowski.....6 p.m.
Object of My Affection.....9 p.m.
(U) The Big Hit.....7 p.m.
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Coen Bros. Fest: The Big Lebowski.....6 p.m.
Object of My Affection.....9 p.m.
(U) The Big Hit.....7 p.m.
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 June 21, at 6 p.m. as part of the annual celebration of Juneteenth. The Black Repertory Group Theater is located at 3201 Adeline St. in Berkeley. General admission is \$12, \$6 for children and seniors. For information call 652-2120.

Juneteenth celebration
 Richmond also hosts its daylong Juneteenth celebration on Saturday with music and cultural events. The celebration kicks off with a half-mile Walk/Run. Sponsored by On the Move with FoodWise, registration for the walk/run begins at 9:30 a.m. at the corner of Marina and South and Macdonald Avenue. (Run details: Blanca Campos, 343-6843).

Parade to Civic Center Plaza starts at 10 a.m. and a West African Festival and Art Show runs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Richmond Convention Center.

A full-day of music and dance will be held on the plaza stage at the convention center.

Those who want to stay and celebrate can buy tickets to the Juneteenth Ball and Dance at the Richmond Convention Center, featuring the Youth Movie Festival, and music by Lady Bianca and the Funky Friends featuring Sugar Pie De Santo. Details: 620-6951.

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Images by Albany photographer Michael Williams are on display July 1 through Aug. 31 in "Photographs of the Himalaya and Sierra Nevada Mountains at The Lakeview Club, 300 Lakeside Dr. in Oakland. An artist's reception is scheduled July 23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Williams is owner of the Albany Arts Gallery. Details: 271-6723.

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San Souci, adding that at the time he thought it was the most wonderful thing he'd ever seen. "I saved up my allowance to buy a frame for the picture, and I still have it."

"To think that now all of those characters might be lined up at the box office for 'Mulan'," said San Souci with a twinkle in his eye, is almost too incredible to believe.

Discovered by Hollywood

Back in 1992, San Souci's agent received a call from Jay Dyer, a creative executive at Walt Disney Feature Animation. "They are basically the people that develop storylines that will be turned into scripts," explained San Souci. "They've always got dozens and dozens of projects underway."

Dyer, a student of children's literature, was familiar with San Souci's work. "He knew my books and he was particularly attracted to them because I tend to use longer, more complicated narratives that he thought might lend themselves to a feature length animation project."

San Souci traveled to Burbank and met with Dyer to talk about developing projects for the screen. "He asked me to

bring down any manuscripts, notes or ideas for projects that were not yet committed to any publishers," said San Souci.

The author rifled through papers stored in the bottom drawer of his desk and rummaged through various piles of manuscripts laying around his office, pulling out different things he'd been working on.

At the last minute, San Souci threw a manuscript he was calling "The Ballad of Fa Mulan" on the top of the stack of pieces that he was taking to show Dyer.

"It was a story set in China, around the year 400, which told the tale of a young woman who went to war disguised as a man in order to protect her family, and became one of the greatest heroes in Chinese culture," said San Souci.

It is uncertain whether the character really existed, says the author, but the story has been told in many ways for hundreds of years. "Her story is known in Chinese communities throughout the world," he said.

San Souci believed "The Ballad of Fa Mulan" was a wonderful story, but it had been rejected by three New York editors.

"I figured I'd tinker with it, maybe do a little tweaking here and there, rewrite it, and send it off again," said the author.

"I was totally blown out of the water when, about five days later, Jay called and said he'd reviewed all the materials I'd given him and that he was really, really interested in Mulan," said San Souci, adding that Disney had been very interested in developing a story set in China and that they had attempted several projects which hadn't panned out.

Book to animated feature

The phone conversation with Dyer was the beginning of a long process in which San Souci created 14 outlines for the film's story. "Every time I sent an outline down to Jay he'd make some notes on it and then send it to the larger group of 'creatives' who would also make some notes. Then they'd fax the outline to me and I'd rush to redo it," said San Souci.

Sometimes the requests for changes were specific, says San Souci, such as, "this particular character seems very weak. What is his or her motivation?"

Other times, comments were more general, such as "Are there ways we can put some more humor into this? Are there ways we can put a little more emotion into it?"

After the "creatives" and San Souci arrived at agreement over an outline, which is simply a large overview of the story, the

project was moved along to "treatment," where work becomes very specific, says San Souci.

"This is when you detail things like how the characters get from point A to point B," he said.

At one point, Disney executives even asked San Souci to come up with a treatment in which all of the characters were animals.

"You talk about working in collaboration with an illustrator on a picture book," commented San Souci, "here, even with the tight little creative group, you're constantly getting input from anywhere from one to eight people."

Satisfied with the storyline after 18 treatments, executives said it was finally time for the script to be written.

"I had written some scripts but they were all for live action films that I had submitted," said San Souci. "One had been briefly optioned, but then the production company went under."

Because Disney executives wanted to move the project along quickly, they turned the story over to someone who had done previous script writing for the company.

"At that point my treatment went into her hands and I was out of the loop," said San Souci, who admits to some uneasiness about what the eventual outcome might be.

"I was insisting that we had to maintain the integrity and strength of the character of Mulan," said San Souci. "My main concern was that she not be reduced, at the end of the movie, to someone who was dependent on somebody else to rescue her."

Fortunately, said San Souci, Dyer and the film's producer, Pam Coats, felt the same way, which is reflected in the finished

product.

"You always have a sense of her being very clear on her motivations," says San Souci, "which are honor, love of family, and doing the best for her country."

Finished product

Earlier this month, San Souci attended an advance screening of the movie at the Hollywood Bowl.

As he was driving from the airport to his hotel San Souci was both surprised and proud to see "Mulan" banners hanging from light stanchions throughout Hollywood. "It was an amazing experience," he said.

As San Souci watched the movie, he said he couldn't help but think how "a little manuscript that had just come back disappointingly from a third editor evolved into this." At the end of the movie, San Souci was overwhelmed to find that he held the third sole credit position, behind the directors, Barry Cook and Tony Bancroft, and the producer, Coats.

"All along I had been assured by my agent and assured by Disney that my name was going to be in the credits," said San Souci, adding that he never suspected it would be displayed so prominently.

"It reads, 'based on a story by Robert D. San Souci,'" said the author, still reveling in the excitement. "I wanted to ask if they'd run the credits three or four more times."

San Souci says that even though he knows the story "backwards and forwards" it was still thrilling to see it on the big screen. "I was laughing, I was touched," he says.

Promotional items for the

movie, such as dolls, CDs and mugs are being appear in local stores.

San Souci also worked one of Disney's publishers, Hyperion, to publish a book that is based on the original Chinese ballad.

Entitled "Fa Mulan," the page picture book is illustrated by Jean and Mou-Sien Yip.

"I got the double pleasure of working on the film and coming back and presenting original source material," said San Souci. "I was able to have cake and eat it, too."

San Souci says that many positive values can be taken from both the movie and the book. "Male or female, everybody has dreams and potential inside them," he said.

"I hope that maybe this will help some young women realize that there's a lot to do. They can move beyond structures that still seem intimidating to them."

The film also has a lot about selflessness, courage, valuing your family, your friends and yourself, said Souci.

"There are a lot of positive things that come across effectively in the film. I'm slapping you across the face," he says, "and underneath it's an exciting film with hilarious gags all the way through."

Even though San Souci has been to the advance screening, he's already planning to see the movie theater audience on 19 with his family.

"I've also committed to see the movie with two three groups of friends. I'll be like one of those people you read about that has seen a movie a couple hundred

Dance

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choreographed and performed. Based on the movement of a lizard, it had been created during a residency Roszak and Castle had at the Djerassi Foundation where such creatures abound. Naturally, it underwent changes to fit into the new project's structure.

Following a short working period, they presented a twenty minute work-in-progress to the Copenhagen Festival participants. Last year when Chatelin was invited to lecture at Stanford, the three reconnected and extended the piece a bit further. The resulting fifty-minute version was presented at the Koret Auditorium in San Francisco's Main Library. Once again Chatelin delivered her lecture as part of the performance. The Berkeley performance represents the third incarnation of this laboratory-style work. On this occasion Nancy Carlin, seen

recently as the title character in Nora at the Aurora Theatre, will perform the role of Françoise Chatelin. The work will be repeated on June 27 at The Dance Palace in Point Reyes Station.

Anima Mundi, which means "soul of the world," was founded by Kathryn Roszak and Christopher Castle in 1995. It is known for its powerful performances which link ancient myth with contemporary environmental themes. The company works with artists from many countries to present "ecological ballets." Last year it appeared at the Smithsonian Institution as part of the "From the Realm of the Ancestors" conference. It will also participate in San Francisco's "From the Realm of the Ancestors - Language of the Goddess" conference at the Cowell Theatre this weekend. The company has also performed throughout California

as well as at LaMama in New York, George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and at Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Artistic Director Roszak was raised in Berkeley. She trained on Ford Foundation scholarships at the San Francisco Ballet and the School of American Ballet in New York and has performed with the San Francisco Ballet and as a soloist with the S.F. Opera Ballet. As a choreographer she has worked with ACT, the Aurora Theatre, the California Shakespeare Festival, and numerous opera companies. Roszak specializes in the creation of new works combining art, ecology, dance, and theatre.

Co-Artistic Director Christopher Castle is an English visual artist and composer. His works are currently in the British and Ashmolean Museums. He is concerned with the study of ancient cultures and sites, and their relationship to contemporary ideas of place. As a composer he has devised methods of transposing the lines of landscapes found in nature into music. He has collaborated with Kathryn Roszak since 1991.

The Berkeley Store Gallery, 2295 Shattuck Ave., is home to the Berkeley Arts Festival, the Beanbenders experimental jazz series, and Tuesday noontime lecture/demonstrations primarily devoted to 20th century piano music. According to Gallery Director Bonnie Hughes, this will be the first dance performance at the Berkeley Store Gallery. Tickets for the event cost \$10 and may be reserved at (415) 663-9685.

Events

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Fireworks on Bay

Advance tickets are available now for the best seats on the San Francisco Bay for the July 4th fireworks. The Lawrence Hall of Science Bay Cruise will depart Oakland's Jack London Square, Saturday, July 4, at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are required.

Cruise the Bay in a Blue and Gold fleet vessel, picnic on board, enjoy the fireworks surrounding you, and sail back to Jack London Square in Oakland under the stars.

Entertainment will be provided by the Lawrence Hall of Science Discovery Theatre troupe. The cruise sails rain or shine. Tickets: \$40 each (discounts available for LHS members), and proceeds benefit the educational programs of the Lawrence Hall of Science, the public science center at UC

Berkeley. To charge tickets by telephone with a Visa or Mastercard: 642-5134.

'Scapin, The Cheat'

The California Shakespeare Festival is presenting "Scapin, The Cheat" by Moliere, through June 27, and July 21 through July 26. This French comedy revolves around the shameless antics of a servant willing to do anything to help his master and who even more shamelessly revels in his own brilliance.

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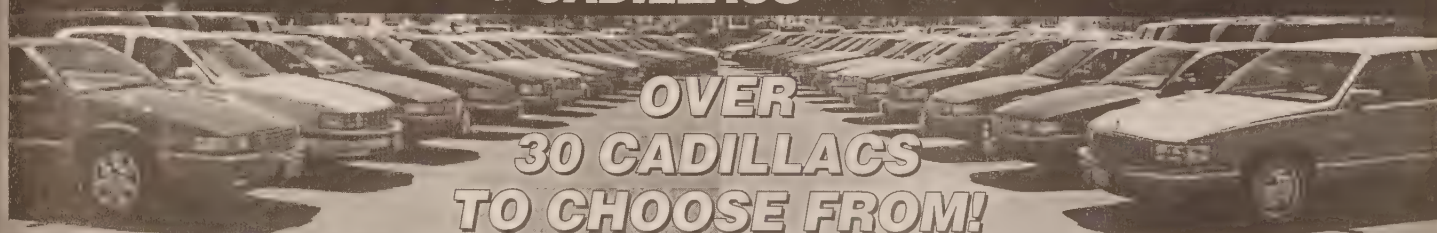
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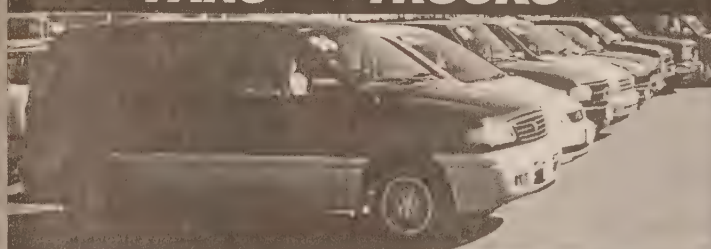
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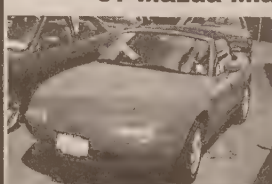
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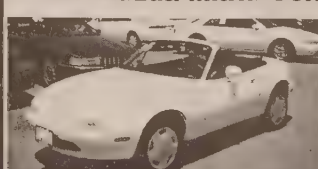
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6:30 p.m. Berkeley City Beat, Express Studio LIVE
7 p.m. XTV, Replay of 4/19/98 Show
8:30 p.m. Access to Abortion, Video Feedback
9 p.m. In the Groove
9:30 p.m. KLTV The Spectrum
10 p.m. The Hidden Ideology of the Mass Media, Talks by Michael Parenti

Friday, June 19

7:30 a.m. Live from Berkeley High, Express Studio Replay
8 a.m. Berkeley City Beat, Replay of Express Studio 6/19
8:30 a.m. XTV, Replay of 4/19 Show
10 a.m. Access to Abortion, Video Feedback
10:30 a.m. In the Groove
11 a.m. KLTV The Spectrum
11:30 a.m. The Hidden Ideology of the Mass Media, Talks by Michael Parenti
1:30 p.m. Gospel Search
2 p.m. Berkeley Juneteenth Festival '97
4:30 p.m. Three by Victor

5:30 p.m. Atomic Youth
6:30 p.m. Jazz Dance Part 2, Dance Chance
7 p.m. Learning Disabilities, Video Pal Italia
7:30 p.m. Gun Control, Wee Poets
8 p.m. Peace Talks, Town Vibe
8:30 p.m. Dimension Latina
9 p.m. A Little Latin Music
9:30 p.m. Demolition of the Geneva Towers, Boredom Theatre
10 p.m. ADM:Combating Terrorism, Children of Jerusalem: Yacoub, Queer: Want, No Porque Lo Diga Fidel Castro, etc. FSTV 98-18:1

Saturday June 20

6 a.m. First Time Access Producers Showcase
6:30 a.m. Jazz Dance Part 2, Dance Chance
7 a.m. Learning Disabilities, Video Pal Italia
7:30 a.m. Gun Control, Wee Poets
8 a.m. Peace Talks, Town Vibe
8:30 a.m. Dimension Latina
9:00 a.m. A Little Latin Music
9:30 a.m. Demolition of the Geneva Towers, Boredom Theatre
12:30 p.m. Live from Berkeley High, Replay of Express Studio
1 p.m. Berkeley City Beat, Replay of Express Studio 6/18
1:30 p.m. XTV, Replay of 4/19 Show
3 p.m. Access to Abortion, Video Feedback
3:30 p.m. In the Groove
4 p.m. KLTV The Spectrum
4:30 p.m. The Hidden Ideology of the Mass Media, Talks by Michael Parenti
6 p.m. First Time Access Producers Showcase
6:30 p.m. Dreams Come True, On the Move
7 p.m. Paris Slim, Sound Gallery
7:30 p.m. Berkeley Festival Special: Superfest '98, Media for the Disabled Culture, Part 2
10 p.m. The Game Master, A Boy and

His Dog:
11 p.m. Live with Rick Sylvain
11:30 p.m. Gospel Search

Sunday June 21

6 a.m. Community Bulletin Board
7 a.m. Berkeley City Council Special Budget Meetings, Replay from 6/16 & 17
10 a.m. Berkeley City Council Meeting, Replay from 6/16
3 p.m. Berkeley School Board Meeting, Replay from 6/17
7 p.m. Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board Meeting, Replay from 6/15
10 p.m. ADM:Combating Terrorism, Children of Jerusalem: Yacoub, Queer: Want, No Porque Lo Diga Fidel Castro, FSTV 98-20:1

Monday, June 22

6:30 a.m. Cool Clothes "LSSI & Cool-It", On the Move
7 a.m. Back to Life, Sound Gallery
12:30 p.m. Leslie Carer & African Queens, Dance Chance
1 p.m. Makeup/Animation, Video Pal Italia
1:30 p.m. Gun Control, Wee Poets
2 p.m. "Suicide", Town Vibe
2:30 p.m. Dimension Latina
3 p.m. Latin Television
3:30 p.m. Elmwood Doggie in Candid Scenes, Boredom Theatre
4 p.m. Closed Caption, A Boy & His Dog
5 p.m. Live with Rick Sylvain
5:30 p.m. Spiritual Discovery, Express Studio LIVE
6:30 p.m. Bonnie Stranger, Mystic Cross
7 p.m. Berkeley Housing Update, Express Studio LIVE

8 p.m. Star Alliance, Express Studio LIVE
9 p.m. Elder Abuse, Senior Information Journal
10 p.m. Atrocities of Drug War, Ran Dass Speaks Out, etc. Art & Education Media

Tuesday June 23

6 a.m. First Time Access Producers Showcase
9 a.m. Elder Abuse, Senior Information Journal
10 a.m. Atrocities of Drug War, Ran Dass Speaks Out, etc. Art & Education Media
12:30 p.m. Cool Clothes "LSSI & Cool-It", On the Move
1 p.m. Back to Life, Sound Gallery
1:30 p.m. Closed Caption, A Boy & His Dog

2:30 p.m. Live with Rick Sylvain
3 p.m. Spiritual Discovery, Express Studio 6/22
4 p.m. Heaven's Gate, Mystical
4:30 p.m. Berkeley Housing
Replay of Express Studio 6/22
5 p.m. Primrose Tea, Strawberry
Miwo Festival, etc., People & Places
5:30 p.m. Star Alliance, Express Studio 6/22
6:30 p.m. On Budget Process
view with the City Manager, LIVE
7 p.m. Berkeley City Council Meeting, LIVE


Wednesday June 24

6:30 a.m. Spiritual Discovery, Replay of Express Studio 6/22
7:30 a.m. Bonnie Stranger, Mystic Cross



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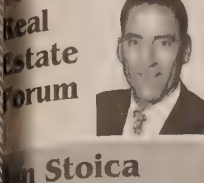
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What you need to know before you buy that home

The path to ownership

• Save enough for your down payment and closing costs. Although some lenders will allow you to purchase property with as little as 3 percent down in cash, you'll still need additional cash to pay closing costs and fees, which could run 1 percent to 4 percent of the loan amount. On a \$100,000 loan, that's an additional \$1,000 to \$4,000 that you'll need in cash at the closing.

• Understand the costs of owning and maintaining a home. Renting is easy. The landlord takes care of maintaining the property. Owning is more complicated because you are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of your home.

One mistake first-time buyers often make is not understanding the costs of these types of homeownership expenses. You may not put aside enough cash for your property taxes. Or you may not realize that tearing off your roof and replacing it will cost \$5,000, not \$3,000.

• Get familiar with mortgages. One of the most costly mistakes home buyers make is not knowing enough about the various mortgage products on the market before applying for a loan. Start by looking around the real estate section of your local newspaper and seeing what kinds of loans and interest rates are being advertised.

Then think about how long you're going to live in your new home. If you are going to be there less than five years, you should consider an adjustable rather than fixed rate loan.

Next, call a few local lenders and ask a lot of questions about what types of loans they offer. Make sure that you use a qualified, highly recommended mortgage professional who is in the position of being able to lend you the money you need. Make sure that you seek professional help.

There is a "can do" attitude in America today, a pride that stems from an ability to help

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Classic California hacienda



Watercolor by Barbara

The elegance and grandeur of the home at 6035 Wood Drive in Montclair will astound you. Whether you enter into the front foyer or through the covered promenade, this Smith

Reverve-Montclair Hill hacienda will invite you to stay, with more than four bedrooms and three and one-half baths, a six-burner Viking range in the kitchen and a large family room opening out

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- 6428 WESTOVER.....MONTCLAIR.....4BD/3.5BA.....\$585,000.....STACY WINETT
- 1060 PAGE @ 10TH.....BERKELEY.....2 HOUSES/LOT.....\$350,000.....NANCY REICHERT
- 330 ELYSIAN FIELDS.....SEQUOYAH HILLS.....3BD/2BA.....\$308,000.....KEN MACDONALD
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- 2733 PRINCE.....BERKELEY.....3+BR/1.5BA.....\$485,000.....CHRIS COHN
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ourselves. But sometimes our pride gets in the way and we end up hurting, rather than helping ourselves.

Complex path

Although nearly five million Americans will buy a home this year, the path to homeownership is complex, filled with jargon that is confusing at least. There's nothing wrong with trying to solve your own financial problems, but there may come a time when they are too much to handle.

Before you get yourself deeper in debt, seek professional help. There are financial counselors who can assist you in managing your cash flow and budgeting. They can guide you in improving your credit history, which can be so vulnerable.

Many times your real estate professional can refer you to qualified mortgage professionals as well as other professionals who can guide you through the home buying process.

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A not-so-early bird's retirement nest egg

If you are in your late 40s or early 50s and have not saved a nickel for retirement, you may think it is too late to start. But contrary to what you might think, embarking on an investing plan now can go a long way toward providing you the secure retirement you have always dreamed about.

Need proof?

Still skeptical? Take a look at the numbers. If you are 45 years old and start stashing away \$400 a month in an investment earning 10 percent annually, you could end up with a nest egg worth \$306,279 when you are ready to retire in 20 years. Of course, this is only an example and does not reflect the performance of any specific investment, but it shows the savings power potential.

Remember, procrastinating does not pay. If you let two years pass before initiating a savings plan and invest for 18 years instead of 20, your account could potentially grow to \$242,227 instead of \$306,279 — a difference of \$64,052, or more than 20 percent.

Of course, you have to be able to save to reach your goal. If you want to put away \$400 a month as mentioned in the previous example, that might mean trimming your budget and refinancing your debts.

After cutting your budget and refinancing your debts, you may be wondering what are the best ways to invest your new-found cash.

Here's some help

Here are three ideas that can help give you more bang for your buck.

1. **Contribute to your 401(k).** If your employer offers a 401(k) retirement plan, your contributions are not currently taxed, thereby reducing your taxable income. By contributing the maximum \$10,000 annually and are in the 28 percent tax bracket, you put \$2,800 more per year, \$233 per month, in your pocket.

What's more, many employers match a portion of your contributions, providing a built-in return on top of the potential return the account earns on its investments. You will not be able to withdraw the money without penalty until you are age 59 1/2 and you will owe taxes on your withdrawals when you begin receiving the income.

2. **Invest in a Roth IRA.** The beauty of this plan is that your after-tax annual contributions grow tax

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free. Working individuals and non-working spouses can contribute up to \$2,000 per individual per year in a Roth as long as individual income does not exceed \$95,000 (\$150,000 if married). Other restrictions apply, so consult your tax adviser.

3. **Use dollar-cost averaging to buy stocks.** Dollar-cost averaging means you invest the same dollar amount at regular intervals, monthly for example, into a specific investment; let us say growth stocks.

This technique allows you to buy more shares when prices are low and fewer shares when prices are high. Keep in mind that this method does not guarantee profits or protect against losses in a declining market. While you cannot change the past, you can help control your financial future with the right approach.

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Rates steady after Greenspan remarks

In the June 11 Freddie Mac Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.04 percent, with fees and points averaging 1 percent. This bellwether rate is down a single basis point from last week when it averaged 7.05 percent. In the second week of June 1997, the 30-year fixed averaged 7.72 percent.

The start rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 5.71 percent with fees averaging 1 percent, up 3 basis points from last week's average of 5.68 percent. This time last year this start rate averaged 5.67 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages rose 1 basis point to 6.71 percent from last week's average of 6.70 percent. Fees and points averaged 1 percent. A year ago, the 15-year fixed averaged 7.27 percent.

"In light of Federal Reserve Chairman Greenspan's remarks the Federal Reserve is not likely to raise any time soon, we see a continuance of affordable rates," said Freddie Mac deputy chairman Frank Nothaft.

"For the past months, mortgage rates have at about 7 1/4 percent or less and this trend carry through the summer."

Freddie Mac is a holder-owned corporation chartered by Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders.

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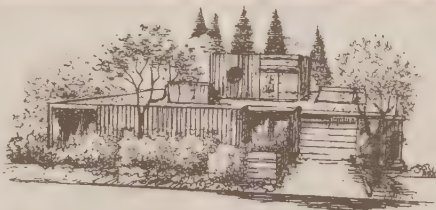
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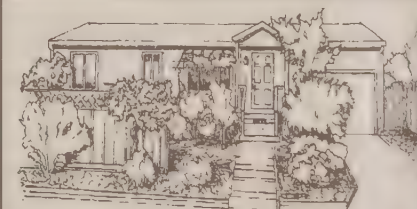
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Let's look at an example of a couple, who bought some property near Lake Tahoe about 20 years ago, whose value has increased to over \$350,000. They hardly ever use the place, and the income after maintenance expenses is hardly worth renting it to others.

Ken Wunderling, partner at the accounting firm, Hood & Strong, LLP in Menlo Park, said, "If they

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TARPOFF & TALBERT

Number 247 in a series of true experiences in real estate

Our friends Darrell and Sabrina and their teenage daughter Denise were in town this week. We have missed them plenty since they moved last year; hadn't talked for a long while.

It was so good to hear Darrell's voice on the telephone. He must, I thought, be at home in Kansas, missing us too, but it was even better. They were stopping here for a few days before leaving on a trip to Africa. We could see them again, visit, hug, talk about their new lives in person, and this is just what we did.

It's very fun to be with these people. They are talkative and warm, interesting, happy. Part of the charm is Darrell's physical being. He is an unusually large man, a basketball player and coach with enormous shoulders, big, long arms

Sale builds lasting friendship

and legs. Over and over again we find ourselves saying, "Darrell, you are really big." He laughs. Inside this giant, he's sweet as sugar.

We love Sabrina too, and Denise. They're just a wonderful family. We got to know them about a year ago when Darrell came to an open house around the corner from their house, Sabrina's childhood home. This huge guy came in, walked over to us, and started talking like he'd known us all his life. He said he wanted to sell his house because he and his family were moving to the Midwest.

We only talked for two or three minutes that day but almost immediately it was discovered that Darrell and Anet are from small neighboring towns in Illinois. This seemed to cinch us with Darrell. As he hurried away, he called back over one oversized shoulder that he'd be in touch; we were his agents.

We didn't hear a word from Darrell for several months and we wondered if he'd been kidding. But when the moving plans firmed up, he got in touch and we were hired. We spent the next six or eight weeks becoming fast friends as we dispensed advice on how to get the house ready for sale. They were wonderful; they did everything we told them to do. The house was sold with multiple offers.

Enter Tony, the delighted winner. Tony invited Darrell and Sabrina out to dinner right after the contract was signed. Apparently these people were meant to know and like one another because by the time they parted that evening, Tony

had offered to let them stay in the house as long as they wanted to and he had invited them to Africa. Tony spends much of the year in Africa running a children's education foundation and Darrell and Sabrina had always wanted to go. They decided to go together.

But first there was the move to Kansas where Darrell's extended family lives and where Darrell still has many friends. Sabrina and Denise are California-born; they'd visited Kansas but never lived there. Would they like it? They all hoped so.

It all turned out great. They stayed with family at first, looked around for houses and bought one. It has six bedrooms and is on an acre of land. Denise entered school, its standards so high that she had to work to catch up, but she's doing fine and she made new friends immediately.

It snows in Topeka. How do the California "girls" feel about the cold? They whipped out photos to show us — their own snowy front yard with a bunch of kids sliding on tubes down a slope. The lightning storms are beautiful, Sabrina says, but scary. Darrell was away the night Sabrina and Denise braved their first big storm. Sabrina didn't want to call Darrell on the phone; she thought the lightning might get her.

But that's minor. "Everyone's so nice, so friendly in Topeka," says Sabrina. "We love it there."

She and Darrell and Denise all look wonderful — healthy, happy, unstressed. And they're off to their dream vacation, talking merrily

about staying in a small village, then going on safari.

Guess where we saw them, where they were staying before boarding their plane? In their old house. Tony is already in Africa; they'll meet him there. "Stay at the house," he told them. "There's no point in paying for a hotel."

Darrell and Sabrina knew that Tony had been working on the house. They were anxious to see what he'd done. So were we. Before selling, we'd decided to make repairs and do some staging but we left the updating to the buyer.

Now the house has a fabulous new kitchen that is big and open and airy with French doors to a new deck. The floor and counters are tiled and there is a big island with a cooktop in the center. The bathrooms have been redone, one with a new tiled shower and tub, a greenhouse window, and Italian pavers on the floor. The walls throughout the house are newly painted and all the oak floors have been refinished.

Going back to the house and seeing it renewed was marvelous for all of us; Tony had made it sing. Darrell and Sabrina might have been regretful seeing their former home all done up, but they weren't. They liked their new life in Kansas too much; their move was the right one.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpo are licensed agents and area specialists who also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached at 653-2050.

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Realtors name 1999 leadership

The California Association of Realtors' leadership team for 1999 was officially announced at the organization's June Directors' meeting in Sacramento. As anticipated, president-elect Diana Bull will be president in 1999. Dick Gaylord has been named president-elect and Gary Thomas will return as treasurer.

Diana Bull began her career in real estate in 1971, and currently is broker/owner of RE/MAX Santa Barbara, which specializes in residential and commercial brokerage. She is a Certified Instructor for Community Colleges and a published author on real estate. She has been a C.A.R. director for 18 years and an N.A.R. director for 12 years. She has served on many C.A.R.

committees including Legislative; Budget and Finance; Federal Issues; and Real Estate Finance. She also has served on numerous N.A.R. committees, and previously chaired the national association's Real Estate Finance Committee.

She represented C.A.R. on the California Department of Real Estate's Real Estate Finance Advisory Commission and served as C.A.R.'s Treasurer in 1996 and 1997. Bull served as president of the Santa Barbara Association of Realtors in 1982 and was named the Association's Realtor of the year in 1985.

Dick Gaylord has held a California real estate broker's license for nearly 20 years. A multimillion-dollar-a-year producer associated

with RE/MAX Real Estate Specialists in Long Beach, he holds the CIPS, CRB, CRS and GRI designations.

Gary Thomas founded RE/MAX South County in 1985 with one office, and by 1998 the number of offices totaled seven. Thomas has been Treasurer and President of his local association as well as President of the Regional MLS.

The new C.A.R. officers will begin their duties in November.

The California Association of Realtors (www.car.org) is one of the largest state trade organizations in the United States, with more than 90,000 members dedicated to the advancement of professionalism in real estate. C.A.R. is headquartered in Los Angeles.

Cash

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sell the house, this couple would be forced to pay capital gains tax on \$250,000 of profit.

Instead, they can donate the house to charity through a trust that will pay them 7 percent, about \$24,500 a year for their lifetimes. Putting the property in the trust will avoid a capital gains tax of at least \$50,000. In addition to dramatically increasing their income and saving capital gains tax, they will qualify for a charitable deduction because the assets in the trust will go to their favorite charity after their lifetimes."

Leonard Graff, Director of Gift

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The Bay Area Chapter of the American Red Cross serves the needs of local disaster victims in the five county region of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo. From first aid, CPR

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Immaculate 3BD, 2BA family home in top area. Bright & sunny w/lovely patio/garden, remodeled, quality eat-in kitchen, master bedroom suite, random plank hardwood floors, huge rec room. Don Dunning 482-2256

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Virtual reality tours

Coldwell Banker, the first national real estate company to launch a Web site, has announced an alliance with Interactive Pictures Corporation (IPIX) that will invite home buyers to "step inside" for a virtual tour of selected listings on its Web site at www.coldwellbanker.com.

Developed by Interactive Pictures, these virtual home tours will allow Coldwell Banker's potential home buyers to do more than just walk through a home. IPIX images provide a three-dimensional 360 degree perspective, from earth to sky, floor to ceiling, horizon to horizon, unlike other panoramic images that provide a limited viewing experience. According to a recent *Street Journal* article, viewing IPIX virtual photographs is a "cool" Internet experience.

The Internet is developing into a new tool for marketing real estate. Advances like IPIX virtual home tours give buyers the chance to visit properties across the coun-

try or in another part of the world without leaving the privacy of their homes. With IPIX, people get the illusion of entering a three-dimensional space and are able to zoom in or out or to examine every aspect of the property as if they were standing in each room.

"I feel that working with Interactive Pictures and using their advanced IPIX technology will help to further distinguish us from other real estate companies," said Avram Goldman, President of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Northern California. "The technology is the most advanced available and easily accessible to prospective buyers. IPIX virtual home tours is the exclusive competitive edge that Coldwell Banker home sellers have in marketing to prospective buyers."

Coldwell Banker agents are already seeing dramatic effects on their business when using IPIX home tours in conjunction with their See VIRTUAL on page 6

WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW CAN HURT YOU



DON DUNNING, CRB, CRS

Part two of a two-part series

Today, we are in a classic seller's market: too many buyers chasing too few properties. As a seller, how do you react if you are lucky enough to receive a number

using multiple counteroffers although, the California Association of Realtors (CAR) has legitimized this questionable practice. CAR includes it as an option on its counteroffer form.

Even if the buyer accepts and

If you are fortunate enough to get more than one offer, take specific steps to ensure the process is fair to buyers and yourself.

of offers? As a buyer, what should you know about possible seller strategies before you find yourself in a multiple offer situation?

Multiple counters

Some sellers, prompted by their agent, write simultaneous counteroffers to a number of bids. It is called a multiple counteroffer. Each document includes a statement that other buyers are also getting a counteroffer, which may or may not be exactly the same. I have always counseled against

signing the counteroffer with no changes, the seller is still not obligated to sell to him. The CAR form states, "Acceptance of this counteroffer by buyer shall not be binding unless and until it is subsequently re-signed by seller...below." The listing agent waits to see which counters come back and then the seller chooses among them.

Multiple counteroffers antagonize most buyers and their agents. First the buyers may have been

Multiple offers, part two

held back from presenting their offers until the appointed day; now they have to go through another round of waiting and worrying. I know of a number of buyers who were extremely upset at both the seller and his agent for putting them through this.

Even the buyer with the accepted contract can be seriously turned off by the procedure. He could be left with a feeling of distrust as to how the seller intends to handle the rest of the transaction. Although he reluctantly accepts the contract, he might later use inspections to renegotiate the price. Or, worse, as revenge, he may look to use lack of disclosure or other issues to create legal problems after close of escrow.

Countering over asking price

Some sellers who issue multiple counteroffers counter the price higher, even when the initial offer was greater than the asking price. Sellers rationalize why this is acceptable; buyers react with disdain.

I recently heard a story of erroneous seller thinking. A home had been on the market almost two weeks with no offers. At that point, an offer was written very close to the asking price. The seller countered at well over list price.

The seller believed that, in this market, his house was worth more than the asking price. The buyer's reasonable question was, "If it hasn't sold at a lower price, how can it be worth more?" That property is still on the market.

Evaluating competing offers

One of the reasons for multiple counteroffers is that the seller cannot (or will not) decide which contract to accept. Every offer has its strengths and weaknesses. To help in the decision process, here are some key factors to rank each offer:

- Purchase price
- Financial strength and credit of the buyer (lender pre-approval letter is a must)
- Cash down (more makes buyer stronger; all cash, no loan, is strongest)
- Deposit in escrow (higher deposit equals stronger buyer commitment)
- Flexibility on terms (close of escrow; possession)
- Contingencies (inspections; financing; selling another property)
- Handling of pest control, roof or structural problems
- Is this house special to the buyer?
- Seller's impression of the buyer's agent

In the end, even if close, one offer/buyer will stand out from the others.

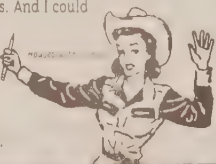
Once the choice is made, the preferred offer is either accepted or countered in primary position. Other contracts may be accepted or countered in backup position (first backup, second backup, etc.). All of the respected professionals I know use this approach.

The cardinal mistake

It may sound illogical, but it See DUNNING on page 6

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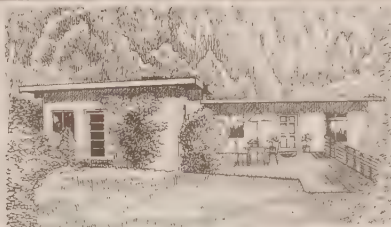
This week I was one of 10 offers on a house in Berkeley that went \$50,000 over asking. Whew. There's so many buyers and not enough houses. And I could go on, but to get an idea of what your house might be worth in this wild and crazy time, just give me a call.



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happens: selling a home to two different buyers. This is at the top of the taboo list. Inexperienced agents may not realize how easily it can happen, especially in a revved up market.

One cause is improperly worded counteroffers. In such a case, two or more counters may come back signed by buyers, each thinking he has bought your home. This can be avoided by careful use of specific verbiage, especially if you are doing multiple counteroffers and not using standardized forms.

Another dangerous situation may occur if you improperly notify a backup buyer he is now primary before the first contract has been voided. For example, let's suppose you received a higher offer from a second buyer after you had ratified a contract. Legally, you could accept the second bid in backup position, subject to the failure of the primary offer.

Let's further hypothesize that the first buyer was one day late in removing his inspection contingency in writing. Seizing this apparent opportunity, you instruct your agent to tell the primary buyer you consider his contract dead and the backup buyer receives a fax that he is now primary. After all, as a seller, isn't this your right?

Perhaps not. What if the reason for the buyer's delayed inspection contingency removal was a potentially serious problem discovered during inspections? As a further complication, it was something you had not disclosed. The buyer's position would be he has the right to have the problem looked into and it is material to his buying the house. In such a situation, the first buyer could not be capriciously displaced.

A competent Realtor would point this out to his seller before taking any action. Regardless, once you are in contract, you need a written rescission from the first buyer before you can safely move another contract into first position.

Time for inspections

In competition, and to strengthen their offer, many buyers will either not ask for an inspection contingency or will make it very short, e.g., three days. Even if this happens, you, as a seller, should consider giving the buyer adequate time to fully inspect your property.

Less than five working days after acceptance is insufficient because the best inspectors and tradespeople are difficult to schedule on short notice. Allowing enough time for thorough inspections will minimize the likelihood of the buyer using this later as a basis for a claim against you.

Final thoughts

Not all properties will receive multiple offers. Some that might have, however, may not have been given sufficient marketing. To maximize the opportunity for offers, make sure your house receives full exposure before accepting a contract.

If you are fortunate enough to get more than one offer, take specific steps to ensure the process is fair to buyers and yourself.

If you missed part one of this series, call me for a copy.

Don Dunning is an 18-year real estate veteran. He is a full-time Realtor and consultant with Wells & Bennett Realtors in Oakland. Call him at 531-7575, ext. 2392 to put his knowledge and experience to work for you.

REAL ESTATE FORUM

DIAN HYMER

Some floor plans are better than others. The best floor plans have a feature called "flow". If a floor plan flows it allows the occupants to move around easily within the home-it's conducive to a comfortable lifestyle.

A floor plan with good flow is laid out in a sensible fashion. For example, the kitchen will be in close proximity to the dining room. If the kitchen were located far away from the dining room, the dining room probably wouldn't get much use. The space would not be used efficiently and the floor plan wouldn't flow well.

A central hall floor plan is one of the best layouts. The central hall plan has an entry hall from which you can reach various rooms. For example, you might walk in the front door and have several options. If you turn left, you're in the living room. A soft right puts you in the kitchen and a hard right takes you to the bed-

Some floor plan faux pas

room wing. The dining room is located straight ahead.

In contrast, a poor floor plan might present you with only one option when you enter. Lack of an entry hall presents a problem, particularly if the only way to get to the rest of the house is by walking through your living room. This means that the most important public room in the house becomes a pass-through space-a hallway.

Pass-through rooms, in general, are usually less desirable than rooms that have separate access from a hallway. A room that connects one room to another is one that lacks privacy. One of the best uses for a pass-through room is to turn it into a public space like a family room, den or play room. Then, the lack of privacy is less objectionable.

A good floor plan makes good use of all the available space. A poor plan includes wasted space. A large entry hall is usually a desirable feature. But, if the entry hall is too large in proportion to the rest of the house, this could be considered a flaw in the floor plan.

One couple decided against buying a home because of wasted space. At first glance, the couple found the home enchanting. It had

a dramatic two-story entry hall and an enormous second-story landing at the top of the staircase. If the home had been larger, the entry and landing might have been in the proper proportion.

But the home in question was relatively small, with only three bedrooms. The home would have had more appeal, and undoubtedly would have sold for more, if the entry and landing were smaller and the extra space had been used for a fourth bedroom.

Don't let yourself get so emotionally caught up in the charm or drama of a home that you overlook serious floor plan flaws. In the above example, the couple might have bought the home if they hadn't carefully analyzed their floor plan requirements before making a decision.

Another young couple let their emotions rule when they bought their first home. They were infatuated with the beautiful setting. But the house lacked a formal dining room and there was no eating area in the small kitchen. This made dining comfortably at home difficult and it was impossible to entertain.

Here are some other floor plan defects to watch out for. A floor plan that has no easy way to the outdoor living space is less desirable than one that has easy outside access. Rooms that can only be reached by walking outside the house to get to them tend not to be

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used when the weather is bad. Again, lack of easy access to the outdoors makes them less desirable.

The bedroom and bathroom are important. A home with three bedrooms on one level is usually easier to live in than a home with three bedrooms that is located on three different levels. If you want a bathroom on the living level, or at least a half bathroom (toilet and sink).

Home buying requires compromises, so don't buy a home with a perfect plan. Just make sure you have a floor plan that meets your needs and that won't be difficult to resell.

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Virtual

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Internet property listings.

In order to take a virtual tour, visitors to the Coldwell Banker Web sites must first download an IPIX plug-in or viewer, which is automatically selected. If they feel that it is not the correct setup, a full list of alternative plug-ins and viewers is also available to choose from.

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couple of minutes depending upon the Internet browser and they will have access to a specially designed virtual tour area to preview properties. Plug-ins are available for Windows 95, Windows NT, Windows 3.1, Macintosh Power PC and Macintosh 68k.

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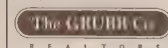


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AGENT OF THE WEEK: SCHUYLER OLIVER

Schuyler is a Berkeley native with over 5 years experience in the local market. He brings additional real estate experience to his transactions with his background in appraisal and leasing. Whether you are looking for a home or investment property his experience will be of great value. His clients appreciate Schuyler's straight forward and energetic approach to business. As your agent, he will put his knowledge of the market and his extensive local contacts to work serving you and your interests. Schuyler lives in North Berkeley with his wife and brand new baby girl (as of June 13).



Schuyler Oliver & Amy Boero

AGENT OF THE WEEK: AMY BOERO

Amy Boero moved to Berkeley 5 years ago from Marin County. Her experience in interior design helps her buyers see the potential in homes. This same experience is invaluable in assisting sellers in preparing their homes for the market. Amy particularly enjoys viewing the wide variety of home designs and architectural styles in the East Bay. Amy attended UC Berkeley and currently lives in the North Berkeley hills. She loves to ski, garden, and take hikes up in Tilden Park.

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2529 Chilton (2-4).....Berkeley.....duplex.....\$259,000
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2875 Virginia (2-4).....Berkeley.....1bd unit.....\$149,000
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New listing! Light n bright 4bd/2ba. Decks, hw flrs, vu, garden!.....\$385,000
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New price! 4+bd/3ba E.C. Hills. Pano Bay vus! Move-in cond.....\$499,000
New list! Lil gem awaiting polish! Tiny, 1bd/w/huge heart!.....\$114,000
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2bd/1.5ba Overlooking Wildcat cym! Over 1,200 sq ft Huge mst ste.....\$179,000
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Consumers Union offers equity advice

Consumers Union is launching a two-year campaign to teach San Francisco Bay area homeowners about dangerous and sometimes fraudulent home equity loans that can leave them penniless or homeless.

The nonprofit organization has published brochures in English and Spanish on home equity fraud and reverse mortgages. It is also offering seminars around the Bay area to teach homeowners how to avoid home equity loan scams.

Norma Garcia, a Consumers Union attorney who wrote the brochures and will lead the seminars, said today, "Home equity lending is already big business, and it's growing as real estate prices rise dramatically in the Bay Area. While some loans can help consumers, others only lead to dangerous debt and foreclosure for the cash-poor, equity-rich," Garcia said.

Consumers Union published a report in 1995 that showed that seniors, low-income families, widows and widowers and minorities were often targets of scams that coaxed homeowners with a lot of equity into taking loans with high interest rates, points and fees — regardless of their ability to pay.

Consumers Union is also working with other organizations to create seminars for seniors. The group will also work with neighborhood groups or individuals who want to set up a seminar. Next year Consumers Union will train organizations to hold their own seminars.

In addition, the group has compiled a list of low- or no-cost loan programs around the Bay area that help homeowners make home improvements.

Anyone interested in a brochure can call Norma Garcia at (415) 431-6747.

Hot market scams

Every time the interest rates plunge and the market heats up new scams start crawling out of the cracks to prey on the unsuspecting public with offers that seem too good to be true.

These are the times that you'll see the ads proclaim "You too can make a killing in the home mortgage business" or "Easy Money - Will it be you?" These ads pertain to the "sub-prime" market - the current "hot ticket" in mortgage lending.

Especially now that "less than perfect credit" advertisements are screaming at potential borrowers. A few years back, working with sub-prime (borrowers who could not meet the tight guidelines set by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac) loans were looked down upon because this is where the disadvantaged were often fleeced.

But today, for a variety of economic reasons, sub-prime mortgages are more in the mainstream and carry a new image of respectability.

The primary attraction for lenders is the big profits derived by charging higher rates and fees for loans that carry a higher risks to borrowers who have demonstrated a difficult time maintaining their credit - or - for very high equity loans.

The sub-prime market has expanded due to those high equity loans due to increasing consumer debt and the allure of tax benefits

from the high equity loans. These are loans the lender will either hold, again making high profits from servicing the loan, or sell to investors at a very deep discount (and still make a healthy profit).

While the business has gained acceptance, there can still be significant problems for consumers. Although Congress, the Federal Trade Commission and various states have taken step to protect borrowers, there is only so much that laws can do. That old adage, "Buyer Beware" is just as important and a little homework can protect you from mortgage madness.

Keep in mind that the unscrupulous lender is looking to charge excessive fees or wrangle away home equity. The following are some of the most common abuse:

• **Equity stripping.** A loan that is made solely on the fact that there is a low loan to value and doesn't consider the borrower(s)' ability to repay may be a scam to eventually strip the borrower from the property. Reputable lenders do not make loans so that they can get their hands on the property for the price of the loan.

Compare the monthly payment with your gross monthly income and be realistic about your ability to service the loan. If this is an adjustable rate mortgage, consider the worst case situation - the interest rate in a year or two and the life cap. Can you live with this payment?

• **Packing.** Borrowers may feel

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like they have no other choice. Some are so pleased that somebody will give them a loan they don't realized hidden junk fees (unnecessary or exorbitant fees) tied to the loan until after they have signed their loan papers. Usually these fees have no explanation and are just listed as part of the closing costs. Typically it involves a credit insurance policy financed as part of the loan. Sometimes borrowers are told that the insurance policy is required, is part of the loan and is free — it isn't.

Lenders can indeed require credit insurance and other fees, whether such charges are reasonable or not. But all costs must be included in the required disclosures, including the annual percentage rate (APR - the loan amount plus costs as amortized over the life of the loan in the form of an interest rate).

It's up to you to take the time to understand and negotiate the full cost of the loan before you sign on the dotted line. The good news is that there is a mandatory three day right of rescission if you are refinancing - so after you sing your papers you can go through them with a fine tooth comb.

• **Flipping.** Multiple refinancing that creates no financial advantage for the borrower is known as flipping. These schemes are always profitable for the loan agent and the

lender, while the borrower is often misled about the benefits and sometimes purposely overburdened with debt.

• **Home-improvement scams.** The two most common scams involve unscrupulous contractors who bring in their own funding sources who have excessive interest rates and fees for the sole purpose of stealing the property from the homeowner and the borrower who is sold on the concept of accepting a high interest lien for repairs (often not needed) even though they do not have the ability to repay.

The most important thing to remember is that desperate people do desperate things without using common sense. Use your head especially when an offer seems too good to be true.

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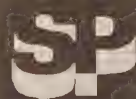
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High art; low art

I am less interested in art than people. And I think I am also less interested in the difference between high art and low art than I am interested in self expression. When I was a kid my mother would dress me up in a suit and take me into Manhattan to see theater but I always loved the movies better.

She felt that theater was high art and movies were entertainment (or low art). Movies, in my mind, can be high art and theater can sometimes be pretty low. In the best sense art can be about intellectual ideas, expression and communication. Sometimes art can be a vehicle for emotional and intellectual growth and self discovery.

That is the question

The question I am coming to is: what is high art and low art in architecture and how does that apply to house design? Architecture is always interested in issues of newness and creativity and sometimes this seems like the art part.

But on one level it is sort of like the headlights on cars — they start round progress to hidden pop-up and they move to free form wrap-around and then return to the latest idea: the round light. There was a lot of creativity and originality in all that light stuff might not be art.

Form vs. function

There are buildings that are designed mostly on the basis of functional issues. Then there are buildings involved with finding the latest headlines.

Other buildings are created in the form of established styles. Then there are homes that have a lot to do with the combined creative efforts of owners and architects with the results growing out of a collaboration. This I think is the greatest opportunity.

The artful house

The end result of a house design is the furnished house with real people living in it. The most artful house to me is one that suits and

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expresses the owners life style. And the creation of ones own life style might be the ultimate personal art that we have today.

They used to say living well was the ultimate revenge. I am distorting that to be living well is the ultimate expression. Having said that I have some creative friends who have zero interest in visual things and while they may have interesting lives there isn't much physical evidence of that. To have a truly artful home you have to be interested in visual things. Such an interest is a life long preoccupation.

Teamwork

A good architect and interior designer can create a very nice home but the same talent working with a visually sensitive and artistic owner can together create something at a much higher level. A fine home can be like a garden that grows visually as furnishings and accessories are added and subtracted.

The "layering" of furnishings over time can create spaces with a sensitivity that no designer or architect can achieve with a fixed design created in one sitting. In that sense a fine home design is the bones and structure of an artful home. But homes that are all architecture and are not furnished with

sensitivity will always be somewhat more shallow and insensitive than a personalized home.

A personal museum

The wonderful treat in visiting a fine home is spending the time with the owners in an environment that expresses their taste and ideas. Entering a home can be like entering a personal museum - be it elaborate and large or very simple and small.

With all of the bland but expensive corporate environments a residential space can be the ultimate in a personal statement. As to whether an artful home is high art or low art or if any such distinction exists might not be important.

Opening visual doors

The point is that the opportunity for self expression and self discovery through home design and furnishing is accessible to everyone almost without respect to budget. Opening the visual doors to design becomes a lifelong interest that continually evolves as our visual and artistic taste is always growing based on our interests, experiences and the influences of the vibrant society that we live in.

John Ploss is a San Francisco architect with 20 years experience who specializes in residential work. Call him at (415) 626-8790.

New law will help curb mailing abuses

A new property tax law will help curb abusive mass mailings to California homeowners. The recently passed legislation affects firms that solicit homeowners through the mail and offer to file assessment appeal applications or homeowner exemption claim forms.

These firms must now state that the mailing is not from a government agency and that a fee is not required to file an appeal or exemption. The law further stipulates that any fees charged may not be collected

until the application has been filed.

Mass mailing firms are trying to do for a fee what homeowners could do for them for free. These firms often mislead property owners into thinking that letters from the local assessor's office are unsolicited.

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Contractors boom benefactors

Green C. Bowens
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In the East Bay real estate market, contractors are finding themselves in a bit of a predicament. With equity, little notice has been paid to other players reaping the rewards from the Bay Area boom - home contractors and building supply companies.

Many homeowners, deciding to take advantage of the skyrocketing real estate market, feel compelled to spruce up with fancy renovations, bathroom remodels and deck additions in order to make their residence more attractive to buyers often willing to bid well above asking price.

One of the reasons contractors are in such a hot market is the demand for repairs on older homes. But the pace of home buying is also slowing a part. Contractors are keeping up with the demand for their services.

When home buyers call me in, they usually wait until the last minute and expect us to be in a new kitchen for them," said John Ferguson, owner of More Than A Carpenter in Oakland. "They think remodeling is like a McDonald's drive-through. Many get into problems when they don't plan."

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kitchens and bathrooms for clients who are mostly drawn from referrals — and many from the phone book.

Typically a homeowner who's been in his home for a number of years will call to get kitchens or bathrooms remodeled, said Conz. The price tag: \$6,000 to \$15,000 for a bathroom; \$25,000 to \$50,000 for a kitchen.

But today with the exploding market many new homeowners are urged to buy homes in a hurry and ask for smaller projects like painting or installing a fence.

"They new home owners may want to do something elaborate," said Conz. "But many of them cannot afford major remodeling work if they pay \$350,000 for a house." Alan Sandner, a house painter, has been overwhelmed by the rush of business. In fact, for the first time in 12 years he's had to turn customers away.

"I can only do but so many jobs during the year," said Sandner, who has been painting houses since 1986. "I used to get on the average of two to three calls a week. But now it's eight calls a day. I'm having to tell people this year that I'm two to three months booked."

Many of those callers go to other Bay Area craftsmen. But Sandner isn't complaining about the lost business when he looks at the profit he's been making recently. His business has increased 20 percent in less than three months — especially after El Niño. And if the market stays the way it is, counting his \$30,000 increase in business just since January, Sandner just may earn \$80,000 this year.

Home Depot, the huge retail lumber and building supply firm, is also reaping huge benefits from the real estate boom.

During the fiscal year ended Feb 1, the company's net sales jumped 24 percent to \$24.2 billion from \$19.5 billion and operating profits reached \$1.9 billion.

Amy Friend, a company spokeswoman, says Home Depot doesn't release sales figures for specific regions of the country, but with 97 stores in California — the largest concentration in America — she does acknowledge a significant increase in revenues.

"So far, we're having a very good year," said Friend. "More people are buying new homes and our business is steadily increasing."

And, as more new homeowners move in they often feel the need for electrical and plumbing upgrades or rehabilitation.

Rick McFarland, an electrical contractor and owner of the McFarland Group in Oakland, said he's discovering that he's often having to charge a minimum of \$2,000 just to rewire a new home.

"They call because their insurance wants them to remove all of the fuses and replace them with breaker switches," said McFarland, who has been rewiring single-family homes since 1985.

Because of the booming economy McFarland has been working nonstop for nine months. McFarland's work load was so heavy, especially after the heavy rains stopped that when he finally got a breather he realized he hadn't had a chance to drum up work for a few weeks in May. "That's OK," says McFarland. "I'm quite sure business will pick up again soon."

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Bubble gum solution

It is not often that something that costs only \$6 can be used to fix something that would normally cost \$600 to repair.

One of my neighbors has a classic 1920 two-story home with classic 1920s tile in the bathroom on the floor, the walls, the tub enclosure, and lastly, from floor to ceiling in the built-in shower.

The neighbor called me one evening because she had found water in her kitchen light fixture, which, understandably, was making her very nervous. This light fixture was a typical 10-inch opaque globe; in the bottom of it there was about a half a cup of water. "Pray tell, where could this water be coming from?" said she, trying to keep the panic from her voice.

The first thing that I did was to analyze the water to see if it was waste or clean. This analysis would help me to identify where it was coming from. It appeared to be relatively clean, which made me suspect a leaking shower, tub, or vanity sink in the bathroom upstairs, approximately five feet away from the kitchen light fixture.

My first attempt at locating this water was to try the bathroom sink to see if I could observe any leaking from the tap below the sink or from the faucets. There was no leak there.

The next thing I tried was the shower because no one in the home used the bathtub very often. I put a rubber stopper over the drain and

flooded the shower pan up to the edge, creating a pool of about three inches of water.

I let this water stand and observed it for any bubbles which would have signaled some kind of leak in the pan, but there were no bubbles and, hence, no leak.

However, as soon as I let the water out of the pan, water started flowing into the light fixture again within minutes.

This meant that the pan was okay, but that the pipe-and-trap system below the pan was somehow faulty.

I proceeded to pull the screen off the drain hole in the shower pan and beamed a powerful flashlight into the pipe. I could see that the threads two inches below the pan had rusted through.

A proper fix would have been an expensive and complicated business involving replacing the leaking pipe from underneath the shower through the ceiling of the kitchen.

This would have taken a lot of time and messed up much of the kitchen, necessitating repairs to the ceiling and whatever else destroyed in the process of getting to the shower pipes above.

Instead, I remembered that there is an epoxy putty made for patching holes in metal. It comes in two parts

The 'bubble gum solution' worked incredibly well. In testing the pipe two hours later, I found that the pipe no longer leaked. A very costly repair had been avoided.

and looks like two sticks of old-fashioned bubble gum. When you put them together and roll them in your hands to mix them thoroughly they become pliable because of the heat of your palms and the friction of rolling, and the epoxy is activated.

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The "bubble gum solution" worked incredibly well. In testing the pipe two hours later, I found that the pipe no longer leaked. A very costly repair had been avoided for the mere cost of the bubble gum-like epoxy, about six dollars and two hours of my time.

As of this writing, eight years later, the shower stall still does not leak. I have seen new installations that have not lasted as long.

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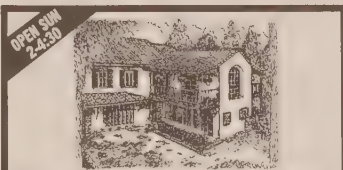


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Heading for cover: East Bay gardens ripe for shrubs

After the rainy season, when we spend numerous hours on our hands and knees pulling out those happy, vigorous, going to seed too quickly weeds, our garden thoughts drift to planting lots and lots of ground cover.

Ground cover is exactly what the term implies - plants that cover the ground. They can cover small spaces or large: evergreen or deciduous; shrubs or perennials; massive plants or small plants. Uses of ground cover can run the gamut of helping to control erosion, forming masses of color in a garden, being a lawn substitute, filling in spaces between stones or bricks in a walkway or edging a perennial bed.

Many gardens in the East Bay contain areas that are relatively inaccessible because of the slope of the land. These areas are ripe for large scale ground covers that will provide erosion control, color, texture and aid in keeping the weeds from colonizing the area.

There are a number of shrubs that will accomplish these goals. In choosing the ground cover make sure it is one that will be suited to the space. That means: does it need sun, shade? Will the plant grow in the soil? what are the water requirements and availability of water? does it have to be deer resistant?

Grevillea 'Noelii', an evergreen that grows to four feet in height and up to five feet wide, is a great alternative to the ever popular juniper. 'Noelii' requires low water, loves sun, is unappetizing to deer and gives you a six to eight week bloom

of orange red flowers in the early spring. A graceful arching habit makes pruning very minimal.

A low growing Ceanothus called 'Carmel Creeper' (from one to two feet tall and up to 12 feet wide) has larger leaves than most of its relatives and produces blue-violet flowers in spring. It forms a rather dense mat and keeps weeds to a minimum. A California native means the water requirements are minimal - in fact once established it does not want any water.

A number of cotoneasters are prostrate growers and can be utilized as large scale ground covers. 'Lowfast' is one that I use quite frequently. A fast growing evergreen with a height of about 18 inches and a spread of up to 15 feet, 'Lowfast' provides good erosion control, produces white flower blooms in late spring and colorful red berries in the fall.

Cotoneaster microphyllus or Rockspray Cotoneaster is another evergreen cotoneaster that has small leaves with trailing branches up to 6 feet in length. The branches will root in place and help hold soil in place.

Cotoneaster horizontalis is deciduous for a short time in the winter. This Cotoneaster lends itself to spilling over a wall and providing profuse flowers in spring. Of the three cotoneasters mentioned this one has a more delicate or fine look.

If you are looking for a very informal large scale ground cover Salvia greggi can be quite effective.

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It produces a splattering of red flowers almost all year long and not only do deer dislike the taste - the hummingbirds love the plant.

Before you choose a large scale ground cover make sure you know what purposes it will serve, what the sites growing conditions are and the maintenance requirements of the plant.

The less maintenance a large scale ground cover needs - the more time you have to concentrate on areas of the landscape that you spend time viewing or relaxing in.

Jan Hall is the owner of Plympton Gardens, a garden design company. She can be reached at 758-6946.

Camera angles: the fine art of taking excellent garden photographs

By Rick Sammon
The Associated Press

Many people enjoy working in their gardens. They like to plant seeds, bulbs and seedlings. They have fun tending flowers and vegetables. And for some, the simple act of watering their gardens gives them pleasure.

Although the beauty of a garden doesn't last forever, you can enjoy the fruits of your labor for years to come - through photographs.

If you've never photographed your garden, or have been disappointed with the pictures you've taken, here are a few simple tips:

• Select a subject. When looking through your camera's viewfinder, think about the difference between a painter and a photographer. A painter looks at a blank canvas and decides what to include. A photographer looks at a scene and decides what not to include. Therefore, think

carefully about the elements in a scene that will add interest to your photograph - or that distract interest from the main subject. In most cases, including everything in a photograph usually leads to a dull picture.

• Choose your lens-settings carefully. Most photographers use a wide-angle lens-setting for pictures of a wide area of a garden. They use a close-up lens-setting for pictures of individual flowers. Using a wide-angle lens-setting for close-ups, however, will result in greater depth-of-field. And using a close-up lens-setting for pictures of a wide area of your garden will compress the elements in your picture, producing a dramatic image.

• Time of day. The beautiful red-orange-yellow light of early morning and late afternoon adds a warm glow to garden pictures. Pictures taken at midday tend to have a slight

bluish tint. On overcast days, diffused light softens the scene.

• Adding light. To emphasize detail and increase the color in close-up subjects, use Reflectors, which bounce light on a subject, are an easy way to your picture more colorful.

• Flower photo tricks. Probably seen beautiful pictures of dew-covered flowers. We don't necessarily have to wait early in the morning to take kind of picture. Simply get a bottle, fill it with water and spray your subject. If you toward the sun, the water droplets will be emphasized.

• Have patience. A hummingbird or bumblebee flower adds interest and interest in a garden photograph. You position yourself in one spot wait for a bug to come to you, chase it, the bug will fly away.

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Travel smart: tips for a safe vacation

When you're planning a vacation, you're more concerned about accommodations, places to stay, and how much money to take, and about safety and insurance.

However, crime against travelers is increasing at an alarming rate. If you're going to travel, you need to take some precautions. To help reduce your chances of being targeted by criminals,

the Western Insurance Information Service (WIIS) has put together a number of tips for a safe vacation.

Before you leave home, take an inventory of all items in your home in case it is burglarized. Store this information in a safe deposit box. Carry passports, tickets, credit cards and important papers on your person. Make copies and put them in one bag. Also leave copies with a friend or relative.

Place essential items such as medicine or contacts in a carry-on bag. Pack only what you can carry because bags left unattended are easily stolen. Inexpensive luggage is less likely a target for thieves

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and cheaper to replace, and remember to tag your luggage with a business card or address to avoid advertising your home address to potential thieves.

Check your homeowners' policy to ensure it will cover cameras, videos and other valuables you bring. Usually these items are covered for up to 10 percent of the policy limit.

If you plan to drive your own car, or are thinking or renting a

vehicle for your vacation be sure to take a moment to consider the insurance situation. States have different insurance laws and requirements, and while Canada is OK with most insurers, Mexico is not. Preapproval or separate insurance may be required traveling in any foreign country.

Renting a car in another state can be tricky. Make all your arrangements ahead of time, and get a copy of the rental agreement you will be signing. Every state

has their own peculiar set of rules and not every state considers the "rental car coverage" to be insurance. Be sure to check who can drive, and under what conditions. I have seen wording that would exclude any driver who has had any alcohol to drink.

Using your credit card insurance coverage that is often advertised for the rental car is good, so long as you realize that the coverage is probably excess over all other insurance available.

There are many other areas that could be examined, but every vacation is hopefully unique. Use the resources of your independent insurance person to help you through the thought process involved in the planning. They are trained to examine risk, and maybe they can sell your more insurance when you need it most.

To check for travel warnings or information on crime in countries you will be visiting, call the State Department in Washington, D.C. at (202) 647-5225.

Before leaving on your trip, know where you are going. Keep a list of important telephone numbers such as airport shuttles, hotel and rental car offices. Familiarize yourself with maps of your destination and if you are going on a driving trip, pre-plan the route.

Budget your trip. Plan how much money you intend to spend for food, transportation, lodging and entertainment. Avoid using cash—always use travelers' checks or credit cards.

During your trip, always stay alert. Walk confidently and walk or drive in safe areas.

Don't wear expensive jewelry or flash large amounts of money. Carry your purse under your arm or put your wallet in an inside

pocket.

Use official sources such as policemen, mail carriers or firefighters if you are lost, need directions or help finding transportation. Don't just ask anyone on the street.

Park your car in well-lit, secured lots or patrolled areas. Don't leave maps, cameras or other signs of a vacation on your dashboard. Put all valuables in the trunk. If you rent a car, ask for one without a rental log because it can attract carjackers. If you are involved in a minor traffic accident, drive to a well-lit, populated area before getting out of the car. If you sense any danger, drive to a police station.

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Large garden with outside building ideal for artist or gardener. Newer kitchen and bath. White picket fence, corner lot. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 287-9585

NEW LISTING - PRICE AND VALUE.....\$149,000
Country charm and city conveniences on this quiet tree-lined street. 2BR, family room off kit, sunny with lots of windows, great yard for gardening. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

SWEET SPACIOUS STARTER.....\$135,000
Spacious home with formal dining room, eat-in kitchen and extra room for home office or nursery. Sunny back yard, basement for laundry and storage, extra 1/2BA. PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

LOWEST PRICE IN THE OAKLAND HILLS.....\$129,500
For a home that is not a fixer-upper and not a REO! This cute 2BR has hardwood floors, some view, central heat, good light and ample basement storage. JIM SCHUBERT 436-6683

WHY RENT???.....\$59,900
When you can own this large 1BR unit with large living room. Enjoy swimming pool in summer. Walk to Lakeshore shops and theater. PEARL WONG 465-6211

AREA HOME SALES

ALAMEDA
2826 Byview Dr - \$317,000
745 Central Av - \$201,000
3229 Fairview Av - \$272,500
1311 Fernside Bl - \$229,000
755 Haight Av - \$189,000
127 Keil By - \$424,000
122 Lawrence Rd - \$425,000
470 Lincoln Av - \$165,000
810 Lincoln Av - \$238,000
6 Moore Ct - \$455,000
2137 Otis Dr #321 - \$144,000
1109 Post St - \$237,000
139 Purcell Dr - \$269,000
1232 St. Charles St - \$655,000
507 Taylor Av - \$231,000
31 Thurlis Pl - \$375,000

ALBANY
821 Cerrito St - \$190,000
934 Cornell Av - \$210,000
932 Jackson St - \$161,500
1267 Portland Av - \$205,000
907 Santa Fe Av - \$272,500
612 Stannage Av - \$253,000
624 Talbot Av - \$265,000

BERKELEY
2308 10th St - \$151,000
1609 63rd St - \$131,000
916 Bancroft Wy - \$197,500
2915 Benvenue #C - \$210,000
1359 Berkeley Wy - \$185,000
1935 Berryman St - \$292,000
2877 Buena Vs Wy - \$382,000
2110 Essex St - \$150,000
1420 Henry St - \$280,000
1430 Kains Av - \$188,000
1124 Keeler Av - \$270,000
880 Spruce St - \$461,000
1169 Sutter St - \$7,000
325 Vermont - \$364,000
1711 Ward St - \$55,000

EL CERRITO
781 Balra Dr - \$360,000

508 Bonnie Dr - \$276,000
239 Carmel Av - \$268,500
6530 Cutting Bl - \$174,000
410 Norwell St - \$205,000
786 Pomona Av - \$240,500

EL SOBRANTE
910 Appian Knoll Ct - \$146,000
4120 Barranca Av - \$119,000
3708 Hidden Springs - \$221,000
6231 Hillside Dr - \$189,000
4176 Santa Rita Rd #8 - \$195,000
4351 Santa Rita Rd - \$90,000
994 Valerie Ct - \$184,000

EMERYVILLE
8 Admiral Dr #A225 - \$270,000
6 Admiral Dr #A276 - \$99,500
5 Admiral Dr #F315 - \$97,000
3 Admiral Dr #F359 - \$85,000
7 Captain Dr #C204 - \$90,000
84 Emery By Dr - \$140,500

KENSINGTON
267 Cambridge Av - \$308,000
1612 Oakview Av - \$240,000

OAKLAND
1204 10th St - \$127,500
824 27th Av - \$90,000
464 28th St - \$300,000
2648 34th Av - \$152,500
785 52nd St - \$145,000
736 55th St - \$159,000
974 63rd St - \$129,000
1624 96th Av - \$185,000
1615 Arrowhead Dr - \$360,000
1361 Barrows Rd - \$260,000
565 Bellevue #1104 - \$177,000
3525 Calafia Av - \$179,000
300 Caldecott #336 - \$151,500
6231 Chabot Rd - \$425,000
6679 Charing Cross - \$360,000
580 Chetwood St - \$190,000
2320 Church St - \$94,000
6329 Colby St - \$234,000
3216 Ctland Av - \$187,500

2015 Durant Av - \$118,000
4733 El Centro Av - \$265,000
78 Elysian Fields Dr - \$250,000
1600 Excelsior Av - \$195,000
4291 Fair Av - \$265,000
7869 Garfield Av - \$110,500
1121 Glendora Av - \$267,000
5738 Grisborne Av - \$285,000
3409 Guido St - \$225,000
7209 Hamilton St - \$91,000
2930 Harrison St - \$120,000
6559 Heather Ridge - \$365,000
2536 High St - \$149,000
5444 Hilltop Cr - \$536,000
2950 Holyrood Dr - \$325,000
8038 Iris St - \$112,500
4129 Kentwood Ct - \$179,000
3224 Lorenzo Av - \$80,500
3164 Madera Av - \$174,000
3780 Manila Av - \$142,500
3306 Market St - \$83,000
2463 Mavis St - \$110,000
3107 Maxwell Av - \$156,000
2829 Morcom Av - \$119,000
5700 Morpeth St - \$300,000
22 Moss Av #108 - \$114,000
44 Moss Av - \$237,000
1301 Mountain Bl - \$325,000
684 Nevada St - \$108,000
8427 Ney Ave - \$179,000
24 North Hill Ct - \$725,000
559 North St - \$266,000
5815 Nottingham Dr - \$270,000
5652 Oak Grove Av - \$300,000
750 Oakland Av #201 - \$133,000
4259 Porter St - \$121,000
4732 Reinhardt Dr - \$210,000
5420 Ruth Av - \$92,000
6172 Rutland Rd - \$365,000
980 Scott St - \$262,500
6821 Sherwick Dr - \$290,000
131 Sonia St - \$351,500
2001 Tiffin Rd - \$345,000

742 Walker Av - \$301,000
4306 Walnut St - \$157,000
1077 Warfield Av - \$440,000
2422 Wilbur St - \$256,000
2508 Woolsey St - \$307,000
6040 Zinn Dr - \$460,000

PIEDMONT
51 Craig Av - \$835,000
10 Hardwick Av - \$640,000
209 Hillside Av - \$799,000
1047 Oakland Av - \$238,500

RICHMOND
632 42nd St - \$137,000
685 Amador St - \$166,500
6241 Arlington Bl - \$175,000
5370 Coach Dr - \$260,000
316 Duboce Av - \$190,000
3112 Fairmeade Dr - \$100,000
4328 Florida Av - \$95,000
2121 Garvin Av - \$125,000
1911 Gaynor Av - \$147,000
3419 Nevins Av - \$130,000
1300 Quarry Ct #201 - \$290,000
1301 Quarry Ct #402 - \$219,000
3433 Rheem Av - \$118,000
4519 Robert Wy - \$165,000
5024 Santa Rita Rd - \$225,000
863 South 46th St - \$116,000
4936 Sweetwood Dr - \$168,000
3420 Wall Av - \$100,000
647 Yuba St - \$221,000

SAN LEANDRO
811 Barri Dr - \$180,000
2230 Belvedere Av - \$135,000
15646 Calgary St - \$195,000
1181 Camelia Ct - \$241,000
2262 Driewood Wy - \$197,000
15245 Elvina Dr - \$225,000
925 Evergreen Av - \$188,000
495 Fortuna Av - \$175,000
1662 Graff Av - \$305,000
16581 Kildare Rd - \$232,000
351 Mauld Av - \$177,500

2122 Pomar Vs St - \$325,000
1696 Purdue St - \$184,000
16325 Ria Dr - \$176,000
1750 Scenicview Ct - \$600,000
290 Sioakes Av - \$172,000
802 Superior Av - \$260,000
859 Superior Av - \$293,500
1582 Timothy Dr - \$160,000
15280 Upton Av - \$157,500
1710 View Dr - \$400,000
397 W. Broadmoor Bl - \$120,000
484 W. Broadmoor Bl - \$138,500
427 W. Merle Ct - \$210,000
2265 Wimbledon Pl - \$185,000

SAN LORENZO
565 Empire St - \$178,000
515 Grant Av - \$148,000
1406 Jacqueline Pl - \$118,000
15924 P. Larga Vista - \$265,000
16134 Via Descanso - \$168,000
18547 Via Jose - \$224,000
15856 Via Nueva - \$180,000
16173 Via Primero - \$176,500
2111 Via Rancho - \$185,500

SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA
TOTAL SALES: 16
LOWEST PRICE: \$144,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$655,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$301,656

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: \$161,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$272,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$222,428

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 15
LOWEST PRICE: \$131,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$461,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$252,233

EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 6

LOWEST PRICE: \$174,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$560,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$287,320

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: \$90,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$221,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$163,650

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$85,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$270,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$130,330

KENSINGTON
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$240,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$308,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$274,000

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 68
LOWEST PRICE: \$80,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$725,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$228,500

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$238,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$835,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$628,120

RICHMOND
TOTAL SALES: 19
LOWEST PRICE: \$95,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$290,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$165,650

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 25
LOWEST PRICE: \$120,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$600,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$225,280

See HOMES on page

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND • OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 •

\$1,380,000 160 BEECHWOOD, Magnificent "Mark Becker". Elegance! Thru-out! Mstr & guest suites. Views! 4/3.5. Coldwell Banker, Jim Duffy 339-1174

\$985,000 6301 ACACIA AVE, Upper Rockridge. Beautiful Italian Villa. New construction! Prudential CA 428-0900, Rosalie Marshall 655-6165

\$895,000 10 VILLANOVA LN, Montclair. Views galore! 4bd/3ba & more. Dramatic! Prudential CA 428-0900, Aleso Gourhan 898-9428

\$895,000 6024 ASCOT DR, @Chelton. P. Pines. 4+/-/3.5. '20's fun & elegance! Vintage hacienda. Pool. LaSalle Properties, D. C. Hodges 339-8900

\$789,000 14 CHANCELLOR PL, New Med w/pano vw! 4+3, gourm.kit/fam rm w/frpl. Dining patio. Study. Wells & Bennett, Barbara Roessler 272-0842

\$785,000 6095 FAIRLANE, Montclair. Custom bilt 5bd/4.5ba (3 mstr suites). Gourmet kit w/island. Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng/Karen Lum 339-1174

\$750,000 7515 HANSON DR, Hillcrest Estates. 4/2 1/2 on nearly 2 acres. FDR, family room. LaSalle Properties, Helen Nicholas 339-8900

\$749,000 6575 FERNHOFF RD, Hillcrest Estates. 1+/- ac. bay vws. 5.5. Kit/fam room combo, rumpus, pool. The GRUBB Co, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400

\$739,000 321 CREIGHTON WAY, 3bd/3b in the Oakland Hills. Incredible views! Wells & Bennett, Michael Childress 531-7000 X215

\$699,000 8 CHANCELLOR PL, Nw Price! Claremont Hills. 4+/-2+ w/pano views! Architecture! Stylish! Prudential CA 845-0211, Colette Ford 849-5311

\$699,000 6350 CONTRA COSTA, Upper Rockridge, 4/4 premium luxury home. Price reduced! Must see! LaSalle Properties, Victor Fierro 339-8900

\$679,000 1965 MANZANITA, 5bd/3+ba w/great bay view! Gourmet kitchen. Coldwell Banker, Dell Orr 339-1174

\$669,000 7075 BROADWAY TER, Montclair. 1st open! New 4/3, 1/4 ac. Kit/fam rm combo. Filtered bay vws. Pacific Union, David Ichikawa 339-6460

\$659,000 814 LONGRIDGE RD, Crocker, 5/3+ spacious Tudor. Rumpus, library, solarium, lovely garden. Pacific Union, Martha Holstlaw 339-6460

\$585,000 6428 WESTOVER, Montclair sophisticated! 4/3.5 w/class/grass/glass! Canyon views. Poss. au pair. Coldwell Banker, Stacy Winett 339-1174

\$549,000 6730 COLTON BL, Montclair. Dramatic new construction. 4bd/3ba. Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Claire Cunningham 644-5434

\$529,000 701 ROSEMOUNT RD, Crocker Hghlnds stately 4/3+ w/rumpus, FDR, EIK, 2-car garage. Special. The GRUBB Co, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400

\$489,000 6241 WOOD DR, Montclair, 4bd/2ba, 1/4 ac retreat, tiered gardens. Lg rear yard. Pacific Union, Rich Gould 339-6460

\$485,000 6415 CHELTON, Lovely 3+bdm nestled in trees. FDR, Country kit, hdwds. Family rm. BRING DAD! Harbor Bay, Margaret 521-7193 SUNDAY 1-3

\$460,000 4382 BRIDGEVIEW, 30's gorgeous Med w/SF vw. Upper Oakmore. 3bd/2ba. Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-7575 X263

\$459,000 5779 BALMORAL, Oakland Hills custom home. 5bd/3+ba. Pool and patio. Prudential CA 428-0900, Glass-Sabine Team 644-5412

\$449,000 3632 BRUNELL DR, Joaquin Miller, 4bd/2ba. Horse property. Old farmhouse. Privacy. LaSalle Properties, Lois C. Johnson 339-8900

\$449,000 6540 SARONI DR, New listing! Montclair 3+3 on 1/4 ac. Kit/fam room combo, mstr w/office. Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

\$439,000 2053 MANZANITA DR, Montclair, 4bd/3ba tri-level in Oakland Hills. Storage. Backyard. Lawn. Principals. Call Owner 1-805-658-1605

\$429,000 6010 BRUNS CT, Montclair. 4+bd/3b. One block to Village. Like new. LaSalle Properties, Ed Lindorfer 339-8900

\$424,000 4245 WILSHIRE AVE, Lincoln Hts, 3/2+ w/4n 4+bridge w/l! Lg level garden. FDR, kit/fam rm. Pacific Union, Helen Danahai 547-5750

\$422,000 37 WINDWARD HILL, Hiller Highlands, 3/2 twmhs w/loft, bay views. Country Club membership. The GRUBB Co, Susanne Paul 339-0400

\$419,000 7075 EXETER, Lots of home for the price! Grt for hm offices or au pair. Versatile floor plan. Decks. Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden 531-7000 X218

\$419,000 6206 CLIVE AVE, Montclair, 4+3+. 1st OPEN! Open flr plan. Au pair, plus rm, deck, patio. Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460

\$399,000 6936 ARMOUR DR, Montclair. 5bd/3.5ba. Views, space, privacy, hdwds, and more! Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000

\$389,000 5901 ASCOT DR, Piedmont Pines, 3bd/2ba w/views from most rooms. Hdwds, private mstr bd. The GRUBB Co, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400

\$379,500 4314 HARBORD DR, Immaculate 3/2, top area. Lovely patio/garden. Remod EIK, rec. room. Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256

\$379,500 3544 BUTTERS DR, Charming 3/2 ranch retreat. Hdwds, FDR, kit w/brkfst nk, LR w/frpl. Landscaped. Prudential CA, Kurt Meyer 869-4254

\$379,000 6300 CROWN AVE, Montclair, 4/3+. Seller will credit for misc. work. Double lot. LaSalle Properties, Ed Lindorfer 339-8900

\$369,000 5935 BALBOA DR, Montclair. 3bd/2.5ba up in the trees! Remodeled. Separate office. LaSalle Properties 339-88900

\$369,000 6022 COLTON BL, Montclair. 3bd/2ba. Sparkles! Hdwds, view, decks. Great location. Prudential CA 339-9290, Howard Converse 869-4212

\$369,000 4927 STONERIDGE CT, 3/2.5 w/landscaped grounds & private deck. Family rm, FDR, EIK. GRUBB Co, Sherry Benninger 339-0400

\$359,000 6989 PINEHAVEN RD, Montclair, 3+bd/2.5ba trad'l w/craftsman details. Updates. In-law. LaSalle Properties, Steven Biasatti 339-8900

\$359,000 5020 CRYSTAL RIDGE CT, 3/2+ spacious sunny, quiet cul-de-sac. Hill views, den. Best buy! Pacific Union, Jeffrey Himmel 339-6460

\$349,000 417-419 ALCATRAZ, 1910 Victorian farm hm, 2bd & loft main hse, + 1/1 +LR & kit. Flower filled courtyds. GRUBB, Melitta Benson 339-0400

\$349,000 17 ASHMOUNT WAY, Crocker, 3bd/2ba contemp w/den, rumpus, pvt garden & bay views. The GRUBB Co, Nancy Lehrkind 339-0400

\$349,000 708 ARIMO, Sunny 2-story Crocker trad'l, 1st open! 3/1+. Large deck & level yard. Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng/Karen Lum 339-1174

\$339,000 6281 CLIVE AVE, A Rare Find! Grand Piedmont Pines 2/1. Cathedral ceiling. Yard, deck. Coldwell Banker, Judy Maher 339-1174

\$339,000 48 EASTWOOD CT, Montclair, 4bd/2 1/2 ba. New on Market! Bright & spacious. Cul-de-sac. Garage. LaSalle Properties, Kate Castie 339-8900

\$339,000 5115-5117 MANILA, 2 Rockridge homes! Nw listing! 2/1 w/add'l rear rental cottage. Nice yd between. Coldwell Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174

\$329,000 4121 ST ANDREWS RD, Sequoyah Hills. Nw Listing! 4/3. Remodeled. Sunny deck. Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer/Dick Cohen 339-6460

\$326,000 4493 MONTGOMERY, Rockridge. 2/2.5 Brown Shingle. Sun room, vw. Convenient & private. Montclair Better Homes RE 339-8400

\$308,000 330 ELYSIAN FIELDS, Sequoyah Hills, 3/2 w/family rm, level courtyard. Hdwds, 2-car garage. Coldwell Banker, Ken MacDonald 339-1174

\$305,000 2815 VALLEY VIEW RD, Montclair. 3/2 contemp w/ultimate privacy. Au pair w/sep entry. Woodsy. GRUBB Co, Mavis Delacroix 339-0400

\$299,500 4521 MONTGOMERY ST, Bay view 2bd/2.5ba twmhm. Nr Rockridge & Pied.Ave shops.Cul-de-sac. Wells & Bennett, Pat Buhler 531-7000 X238

\$289,000 4266 KNOLL AVE, Redwood Hts, 3/2. New Listing! Rear deck w/spa, lovely garden. 2-car gar. Pacific Union, Carolyn Jones 339-6460

\$285,000 51 SPYGLASS HILL, Cozy Hiller condo. Level back patio. Elevator. Flex floor plan. Bay vw. Wells & Bennett, David Stone 531-7000 X236

\$285,000 2724 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair. 3/2 Piedmont level trad'l. Grt outdr space, loads of storage. Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

\$279,000 3736 ARDLEY AVE, 2bd/1ba. Glenview District. Deluxe kitchen. Landscaped yd. Coldwell Banker, Vicki Faulk 339-1174

\$278,000 6376 THORNHILL DR, Montclair. 2/2. Unique pole house design in woody setting. Walk to Village. Pacific Union, Carolyn Jones 339-6460

\$274,500 4508 MONTGOMERY, Rockridge. New construction/New listing! 3/2. Hdwds. Vws. Desirable location. Jack Litzelfeiner 530-2454 SUN 1-4-98

\$269,500 3826 WISCONSIN, Laurel Hts. 2+/-2 w/ bay vws! Custom remodel. Landscaped. Fenced yd. Prudential CA, Lisa Friedman 835-6109

\$269,000 5661 ESTATES DR, Montclair.1/1. Soaring ceilings/walls of glass. Wal to Village. Landscaped. Coldwell Banker, David Eckert 339-1174

\$265,000 3397 JORDAN RD, Redwood Hts. 3bd/2ba ranch. Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

\$259,000 3827 RHODA AVE, Laurel, 3bd/2ba. Nw listing! 1st open! Det'd office studio. Level yard. Pacific Union, Jeffrey Himmel 339-6460

\$249,000 2931 BURDECK DR, Joaquin Miller. 2+/-1 cottage. Woodsy, private. Sunny deck. LR w/frpl. Prudential CA, Lauren Chou 898-9435

\$249,000 4024 LOMA VISTA AVE, Redwood Hts. New listing! 3bd/1ba. Stylish and superb condition. Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000

\$249,000 8 SERENO CIRCLE, Redwood Hts, sunny 2/2 Brown Shingle twmhm great PUDI Bay view. The GRUBB Co, Nancy Lehrkind 339-0400

\$249,000 240 CALDECOTT #301, Prime Penthouse condo. Views. Pool. Balcony And more!! Red Oak RE 527-3387 X109 SATURDAY 1-3

\$249,000 4509 MORAGA, New listing! Piedmont Ave area charming 3/2 w/bay vw. EIK, fam rm, deck, garage. Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 436-4108

\$249,000 3712 MONTEREY BL, Redwood Hts. New Listing! Darling 2/1 crfsm w/FDR. Lovley backyd. Pacific Union, Kathleen Callahan 339-6460

\$239,000 76 GLENWOOD GLADE, Montclair. 4bd/2.5ba. 2400 sq. fts TLC. Grl location on creek. LaSalle Properties, Mel Copland 339-8900

\$234,500 3652 HARBOR VIEW, A-1 condo w/charm! Hdwds, FDR, EIK, grt yd. Frpl, garage. 3bd/1ba. Coldwell Banker, Rachel Bailor 339-1174

\$229,000 3635 SUTER, Laurel district. 4bd/2.5ba. 8 years new! Family rm & LR. Low maint. yd. Deck. Chang & Hardeman, Ramona Chang 482-3800

\$225,000 3381 WYMAN ST, Maxwell Park. 2bd/1ba, + lot next door. Charming Upgrades. Move In! Won't last! Prudential CA, Nancy Hoover 845-0211

\$225,000 4739 MOUNTAIN BL, Redwood Hts, 3/1. New listing! Hdwds, wood ceilings, private yd. Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460

\$219,000 148 SAMARIA LN, Oakland Hills 2/2 twmhm w/So.bay vws. Hdwds. frpl, home office! Coldwell Banker, Donna Conroy 339-1174

\$210,000 4242 MOUNTAIN BL, Redwood Heights. New listing! 2/1. Gleaming hdwds, updt'd EIK, FDR, det'd gar. Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460

\$209,000 2465 ALIDA, New listing! Charming bright 2/1. Desirable neighborhood Hdwds. Private backyd. Wells & Bennett, Heidi Tuggle 531-4554

\$187,500 674 60TH ST, North Oakland, 2+/-1 Victorian beauty! Bright den. Upgrades. Prudential CA 339-9290, Pam Cornford 869-4213

\$179,000 5945-47 SHATTUCK, No.Oakland duplex. 2/1 ea. Frpl, hdwds, garage. New kitchens. Prudential CA, Adrienne Nash 763-4060 SUNDAY 2-5

\$179,000 2901 MADELINE, Laurel. Nice 2bd/2ba starter w/master suite. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000

\$179,000 7971 SANFORD, Beautiful corner sun-filled 3bdrm abv 580. Frpl, FDR, laundry rm. Fenced yard. Coldwell Banker, Adrienne Broche 339-1174

\$146,500 8485 GOLF LINKS RD, 2/1/1 lovely secluded private home Prudential CA 339-9290, Felicia Owens 869-4217

\$142,500 7701 SUNKIST, Just Listed! Charm, light, & view! 2/1 on big lot. LaSalle Properties, Anida Weyl 339-8900

\$138,000 2342 27TH AVE, Tastefully renovated 2bd/1ba. Open wood stove. Wood floors. Sunny back yd. By Owner 533-6168 SUNDAY 1-5

\$134,900 3240 NICOL, Charming 2/1 cottage in a paradise! Imagine that/come make it a reality! Prudential CA 834-2010, Steven Sin 869-3904

\$126,000 3008 SCHOOL ST, Fruitvale. 2bd/1ba craftsman. Lovely garden. Deck. Det'd garage. Investco 834-9033 SUNDAY 2-4

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EVENTS

The Events Calendar does not list all events for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 525-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

The Golden State Lily Society hosts the largest lily show in California from 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday June 20 and 21, at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue (next to Fairyland) in Oakland. Admission is free. Parking is \$2. In addition to a display of judged hybrid Asiatic and Oriental lilies, there will be Ikebana flower arrangements and growing information; the sale of bulbs, plants and floral pieces; door prizes, refreshments and a question and answer table. For more information call 525-8041.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley is the place to start your dream home or to start turning your house into a dream. On Sat., June 20, the center presents two free lectures. Professional builder Glen Kutznerberger will tell you **What You Need to Know Before You Remodel Or Remodel** and author-designer Skip Wenz presents **Choosing to Add On: The Pros and Cons of Building an Addition**. On Sat. and Sun., June 20 and 21, craftsman-builder Richard Brown will guide you through **Finishing Carpentry: Hands On**. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information about its schedule of

classes.

Discover Oakland's changing skyline, landmarks, churches and high-rises on one of the **Free Guided Walking Tours** sponsored by the City's Community and Economic Development Agency. On Sat., June 20 at 10 a.m. tour **Downtown Historic District**, which highlights the newly designated district. The tour includes the Tribune Tower, the Beaux Arts style Broadway Building and other early 20th century landmarks. Meet in front of City Hall. Join us at 10 a.m., Wed., June 24 in front of the First Presbyterian Church at 27th and Broadway for a tour of Oakland's **Churches and Temples**. Visit three historic places of worship and learn about their influence on Oakland's development. Call 238-3234 for more information.

Mark Wilson invites you to learn more about the **Historic Architecture of the East Bay** at his popular Piedmont Adult School class. Tour the East Bay and beyond and learn about the grand heritage present all around you from Greek Revival to the Modern. The class begins Mon., June 15 at 7 p.m. The fee is \$45, call 594-2655 to pre-enroll.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley is the place to start your dream home or to start turning your house into a dream. You're invited to join BEC's annual intensive **Home Design Course** that runs

from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mon., June 22 through Fri., June 26. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information about its schedule of classes.

Oakland's One-Stop Capital Shop (OSCS), 519 17th St. in Oakland, provides a series of free and low-cost small-business developmental workshops available to the public on an ongoing basis. Classes include Goal Setting, Credit CPR, Legal Aspects of Small Business, Marketing and Advertising and Understanding Business Statements. Call 273-6000 to reserve space or to receive information about other seminars.

Consumer Credit Counseling Service, a nonprofit community service organization in Oakland has a series of free workshops. Registration is mandatory. For more information call (800) 501-SAVE.

Join University of California pathologist Dr. Robert Raabe from 9 a.m. to noon the first Sat. of every month for a free **Sick Plant Clinic** at the UC Botanical Gardens, 200 Centennial Dr. in Berkeley. Drop in with a piece of a sick or a dying plant and Dr. Raabe will diagnose the problem. Call 643-2755 or garden @uclink4.berkeley.edu for more information.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Dennis Evanovsky, Real Estate Editor, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047, Fax: 339-4066.

Golden State Lily Society hosts California's largest

The Golden State Lily Society will host the largest lily show in California from 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday June 20 and 21, at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue (next to Fairyland) in Oakland. Admission is free. Parking is \$2.

In addition to a display of judged hybrid Asiatic and Oriental lilies, there will be Ikebana flower arrangements and growing information; the sale of bulbs, plants and floral pieces; door prizes and refreshments.

Members of the Golden State Lily Society will exhibit individual blossoms, cut stems and potted lilies from their own gardens, all of which will give the public the opportunity to view many of the varieties of lilies now available.

Lilies grown at Sun Valley Farms in Northern California will be used in arrangements throughout the Lakeside Garden Center.



Building. Arrangers from the school of Ikebana arranging and other orchid garden clubs will join with society members to present many beautiful arrangements featuring lilies.

Society members will be available to discuss the rewards, methods, and problems of lily culture. There will be several workshop ar-

reas where members and the public may gather to discuss their interests including: general cultural information, container culture, special lilies, lilies in the landscape. There will also be a question and answer table.

For more information call 232-8041.

Homes

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SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST PRICE: \$118,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$265,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$182,555

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YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

ALBANY ***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30***

\$166,000 **545 PIERCE #2410**, Luxurious & affordable living w/amenities! 6 mstr bdrm suites. Pool, spa, etc. Thornwall, Naomi Kane 848-1950 X226

BERKELEY ***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30***

\$1,875,000 **25 ROBLE RD.**, Grand Claremont Landmark! 6/5 w/lg entry foyer. 5 fpl Carriage house. Templeton Co, Ruth Frassetto 652-2133 X140

\$635,000 **641 SPRUCE, FIRST OPEN!** No.Berk.Spanish 4+1/4. Bay vws, pool. EZ SF commute. Templeton Co, Jack McPhail 652-2133 X135

\$549,000 **735 THE ALAMEDA**, 4bd/2.5ba. Beautiful 1000 Oaks family hm. Updtr kit. Nr Solano. Red Oak RE, Naomi 527-3387 X127 SUNDAY 2-4

\$525,000 **1524 ARCH**, Berkeley 4bd/3.5bath Coldwell Banker, Sally Hendrickson 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4

\$495,000 **260 STONEWALL**, Incredible opportunity in the Claremont! Lg lot, bay vws. 3+1/2. Sale AS IS. Templeton Co, Gini Erck 652-2133 X133

\$489,000 **2853 SHASTA RD.**, Secluded Berkeley Hills Gem! 3+1/2, chef's kit, GG vw from lg deck. Cozy front patio.Wine cellar, 2nd kit, 2 fpl, family rm. Lawton Associates 547-5970 SUNDAY 1-5

\$469,000 **6865 BRISTOL**, Quality contemporary. 3bd/2 1/2 ba w/many extras! Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Mark Miller 644-5448

\$465,000 **2733 PRINCE**, 3+bdm, 1.5bath Coldwell Banker 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4

\$449,500 **10 SUMMIT LN.** (off Grizzly Peak) 4bd/2ba w/bay views. Fireplace, patio, storage. Brickyard Realty 324-6060 SUNDAY 1-4:30

\$440,000 **1984 EL DORADO**, New listing! Remod 3/2+. Gourmet kit, wonderful garden. Grt location. Templeton, Mary Montali 652-2133 X133 SUN 2-4

\$389,000 **7761 CLAREMONT AVE**, 3/2+ new construction. Fine craftsmanship, quality, design. Woodsy. Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

\$379,950 **917 REGAL RD.**, Berkeley Hills/First Showing! 3bdm, library, FDR. Nice yd. 2-car garage. Prudential CA, Lloyd Jung 644-5215 SUN 2-4

\$365,000 **762 VINCENTE**, Great 1000 Oaks/Solano Ave Area! 3/2 bungalow + sunfilled sep office/studio & 1/2 ba. Thornwall Properties Colleen Larkin 848-1950 X240 SUNDAY 2-4

\$365,000 **2121 RUSSELL ST.**, 1905 "Old Berkeley" charm! 4bd, 3 lvs flex living space! Lg yd w/well for irrigation! Thornwall Properties, Kathryn Hill 848-1950 X242 SUNDAY 2-4

\$339,000 **909 REGAL**, No.Berkeley Hills. New listing! 2/1, 1-level, L-shaped. 2-car att'd gar. Garden. Prudential CA 845-6021, Fatima Ali 849-5315

\$334,000 **1060 PAGE @ 10TH**, 2 Houses on 1 lot! Coldwell Banker, Nancy Reichert 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4

\$339,000 **2149 BLAKE ST.**, 4bd/2ba Berkeley Edwarian Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

\$309,000 **1400 QUEENS RD.**, Berkeley Hills, 3bd/1 1/2 ba. Opportunity knocks! Bay view! Prudential CA 339-9290, Emily Lane 869-4232

\$279,500 **1622 HOPKINS**, 2+bedrooms, 1 bath Coldwell Banker 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4

\$275,000 **1228 EVELYN AVE**, 1st OPEN! Westbrae. Spacious 4/2 Spanish Med. Possible sep.living area. Prudential CA, Wendy Kashiwa 845-0200

\$259,000 **2529 CHILTON**, (btwn Parker & Blake). Special Brown Shingle duplex. Lwr unit wheelchair access. Garage w/workshop. Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 SUNDAY 2-4

\$247,000 **1352 HENRY**, 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths Coldwell Banker, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4

\$222,000 **2131 6TH STREET**, 3bd/3ba Victorian near 4th Street Prudential CA Realty, Claudia 527-9800 SUNDAY 2-5

\$220,000 7 STATHMOOR DR, CLAREMONT HIGHLANDS LOT! Wide 1/4 acre

downdrop w/pano bay vw in a neighborhood of new homes! Templeton Co, Gini Erck 652-2133 X133 DRIVE BY & SEE!

\$199,000 **1134 ALLSTON WAY**, Light & cheerful 2bd on tree-lined street. Deck overlooks garden. Thornwall Properties, Carole Rils 848-1950

\$185,000 **1823 HIGHLAND PL**, 2bd/1.5ba w/huge LR, garage. Across from UCB. Red Oak Realty, Anna-Majja 527-3387 X192 SUNDAY 2-4

\$165,000 **3008 DEAKIN ST**, Cozy 2bdm starter. Wood flrs, EIK, small garden. Garage/laundry/workshop with laundry. Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846

\$149,000 **2675 VIRGINIA**, One bdrm unit near North Campus. Assume loan. Bright Mediterranean style. Red Oak RE 527-3387 X134 SUNDAY 2-4

\$109,000 **2615 TELEGRAPH, UNIT 303**, 1bd sunny condo. Close to campus. Sec.bldg. Roof deck vws. Red Oak, Marjorie 527-3387 X156 SUN 2-4

EL CERRITO ***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4***

\$265,000 **651 CLAYTON**, El Cerrito, 3 bdrm plus cottage Coldwell Banker, Diane Verducci 486-1495

\$219,000 **2521 TULARE ST**, New Listing! 2+1/1. Love at 1st sight! Family rm, 2 fpl, pano bay vws, lovely yd. Red Oak RE 527-3387 X109

\$205,000 **305 BEHRENS**, 2bd/1ba lovely starter w/beautiful yd. Frpl, hdwds, faux finishes. Red Oak RE, Sara 527-3387 X105

\$175,000 **6507 LINCOLN**, 2bd/1ba cosmetic fixer. Low pest. High potential! Hdwd floors. Red Oak Realty, Alexandra 527-3387 X119

EL SOBRANTE ***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4***

\$239,950 **1509 SOLITUDE**, 3bd/2 1/2 ba tr-level in the hills. Fresh paint in/out. Tile kitchen, family room, garden, new roof. Marvin Gardens 527-9111 Denyse Biagi 273-9508

KENSINGTON ***OPEN SUNDAY***

\$649,000 **482-484 BELOTT AVE**, Space for everyone! Level yard! Plus garage apartment. Prudential CA RE 845-0211/233-8883 SUNDAY 2-4:30

\$425,000 **185 PURDUE AVE**, 3bd/2.5bath. Unique property! Could be duplex! Level-in. Move in condition! Prudential CA, Chris Kalfit 526-5143 SUNDAY 2-4

\$340,000 **59 NORWOOD**, 1st Time on Market! 3/2. Frpl, hdwds, family rm, EIK adjacent to sunny deck. Lovely garden. Garage w/interior access. Marvin Gardens 527-9111, Merrilyn Rhodes 466-5028 SUNDAY 2-4

MORAGA ***OPEN SUNDAY 1-4***

\$625,000 **127 SHUEY DRIVE**, 5+bd/4ba. Not your typical rancher! Remodeled, 3800sf, Marble floors. Aupair. More. Pacific Union 925-284-1101 X384 Patricia Menasco 925-254-7929

PIEDMONT ***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30***

\$889,000 **217 SANDRINGHAM RD**, Elegant 4/4 w/remod kit, family room & rumpus. Lovely gardens. GRUBB Co, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

\$819,000 **196 SANDRINGHAM**, 3500 sq ft contemporary. Great Remodel! Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, C. Fleming/B.Klein 644-5423

\$722,500 **334 EL CERRITO**, Beautifully designed & maintained. 4/2.5 level out to garden. Lg family rm. GRUBB Co, Jean Simmons 339-0400

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Jaguar XJR : rewriting history

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It was like an old love
coming back to haunt
me. Long before we met,
Marion — wife and co-
author of these road tests —
and I each owned and loved
one of the Jaguar sedans; the
XJ6, with the XJR
in our driveway,
brought back memories —
of a sad and pleasant.

Marion, who bristles when
the affairs crop up in con-
versations, not only sym-
pathized with our old love
for Jaguar, but admit-
ted she loved the new model
and understood our infatua-
tion with this marque.

For 1998, Jaguar has writ-
ten a new chapter in the
history of the XJ Series with
the introduction of the XJ8
model, successor to the XJ6.
The numeral "8" indicates
the sedan carries Jaguar's
liter V-8 engine, first
used in the XK8 coupe and
convertible.

The XJR offers the super-
charged and intercooled ver-
sion of the same 32-valve
powerplant and pro-
cesses 80 more horsepower
than the standard 290 bhp
V-8 that powers the three

other Jag sedans, the XJ8, XJ6
L and Vanden Plas.

The supercharged engine's
370 horsepower at 6150 rpm
and 387 ft/lbs of torque will
hurtle the XJR from zero to
60 mph in 5.4 seconds — and
may make it the fastest four-
door sedan in the world. Top
speed is a reported 155 mph.

Jaguar's engineers turned
to a supercharger to avoid
the response lag inherent in
turbochargers. They placed
an Eaton supercharger on
top of the engine that is a
development of the belt-
driven blower on the previous
six-cylinder XJR. Many luxu-
ry cars are fast and powerful,
but it is the Jaguar's elegant
styling that sets it apart from
the competition.

The XJ8 series carries for-
ward the artistic styling that
has characterized the XJ
series, first introduced 30
years ago. Design cues such
as the "leaper" hood orna-
ment, the traditional grille
and graceful seductive
design can be seen through-
out the exterior.

From a mechanical stand-
point, the new XJ series is
virtually a new car: power-
train, suspension and electri-
cal system are all new. The
interior has been thoroughly
redesigned. But a quick look,



The XJR's supercharged engine's 370 horsepower at 6150 rpm and 387 ft/lbs of torque will hurtle the XJR from zero to 60 mph in 5.4 seconds — and, with a reported top speed of 155 mph, this car might just be the fastest four-door sedan in the world.

and any member of the
series will be immediately be
recognized as a Jaguar.

While the naturally aspi-
rated AJ-V-8 is coupled to
the ZF five-speed automatic,
the supercharged XJR is
equipped with a Mercedes-
Benz five-speed electronic
automatic transmission. This
change was made to handle
the prodigious torque of the
supercharged engine.

Jaguar has retained the
familiar J-gate shift pattern,

which allows the driver to
use the transmission in its
automatic mode or to play
like he or she is shifting
manually.

Marion seemed to enjoy
the J-gate, but it is my op-
inion that you're fooling your-
self when you use an auto-
matic as a manual transmis-
sion. In its automatic mode,
we both found the transmis-
sion to be extremely smooth
with the shifts being almost
seamless.

Standard equipment
includes traction control and
automatic stability control —
both useful features when
winter returns. The stability
control system reduces
wheel spin on slippery roads
by controlling both engine
and throttle.

Despite the engine's huge
power, the automobile is
extremely docile, until you
floor the accelerator that is
— and then: Wow!

"Amazing" was the word
used by Marion to describe

the performance of the
Jaguar. An advanced drive-
by-wire throttle management
system, based on the tech-
nology in the XK8, provides
an ideal balance between
engine responsiveness and
driving comfort.

Jaguar's engineers have
stiffened the suspension of
the XJR over the other XJ
models. Some enthusiasts
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Its all-independent suspension almost ignores uneven and choppy pavement. Our favorite roads for testing performance cars have become weary after the heavy winter rains, but the

For some reason we can't understand the beautiful warm burled walnut of the regular XJ8s has been replaced with cold, gray-stained bird's-eye maple.

Few of us will be able to afford the \$67,400 price tag of the XJR, but it is nice to know that craftsmanship still plays a role in today's society.

Today Rolls-Royce, tomorrow the world. This apparently is Volkswagen's goal. With Rolls in its pocket, VW Chairman Ferdinand Piech is looking for still another luxury auto maker — Lamborghini. Owners of Automobili Lamborghini S.p.A. were reported in

Volkswagen also has agreed to buy Cosworth Engineering from Vickers for \$200 million. The plan calls for Cosworth, famed for its racing engines, to build the V-12 engines for Rolls-Royce.

An optional, twin engine in the T6 version of the S80 is the most powerful engine ever built by Volvo. It produces 268 horsepower. The naturally aspirated engine produces 201 horsepower.

The Interstates," one official remarked.

The U.S. Department of Transportation's new study found that states that increase speed limits on its state highways experienced approximately more fatalities.


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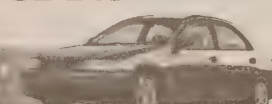
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AFTERMARKET REVIEWS

By Alex Law

Most of the advances in safety technology that have been making headlines recently involve the potential loss of life. But there are also safety issues involving serious injury that must be considered, and one of the most pervasive is neck injuries sustained during a crash.

Whiplash is the most prevalent neck injury in an accident. The insurance industry has graded most new vehicle head restraints and found them lacking.

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Whiplash studies have shown that an effective head restraint will reduce "whiplash" motion, and the large majority of head restraints in current passen-

ger vehicles are not effective in preventing injuries, because the head restraint is too far back behind the head, allowing neck damage to occur before the passive head restraint is contacted.

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It costs about \$1,000 for the OnStar system hardware and its installation, plus a \$22.50 monthly service charge for unlimited OnStar use. Regular phone charges will apply depending on normal cellular use.

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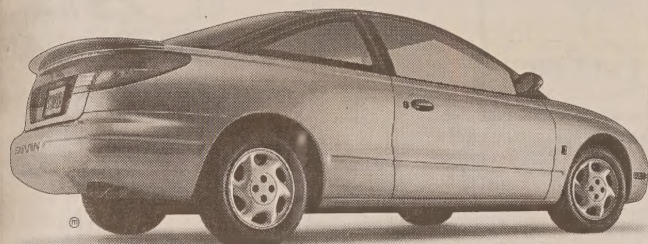
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1. You've always used regular (87 octane) gas in your three-year-old car, but now you can hear it "ping" when you accelerate. It's time to switch to a higher grade of gas.
True ☐ False ☐

2. Tires should be inflated to the maximum pressure stated on the sidewall.
True ☐ False ☐

3. Your air conditioner keeps blowing fuses. Until a mechanic can check it out, you can install one of a higher rating so long as it does not exceed 35 amps.
True ☐ False ☐

4. Your engine has overheated due to a radiator leak. This condition also could damage the transmission.
True ☐ False ☐

5. A tire's life may be cut in half when it's out of balance. At 60 mph one ounce out of balance has the effect of a six pound weight on the rim of the wheel.
True ☐ False ☐

6. Oil is leaking from one shock absorber. This fluid can be "topped off"

by your mechanic until he is able to replace the entire unit.
True ☐ False ☐

7. For safe driving on a rainy night, clear vision depends upon just three factors: all lights working, a clean windshield and good windshield wipers.
True ☐ False ☐

8. The oxygen sensor is part of your car's air conditioning system.
True ☐ False ☐

9. Blue smoke from your car's tailpipe is a sign you may have worn piston rings or valves.
True ☐ False ☐

10. Red fluid leaking under your car may be from your transmission.
True ☐ False ☐

How did you do?

1. False. Upgrading fuel generally is an expensive and unsatisfactory remedy for a "pinging" engine. A better investment would be a diagnostic checkup by an experienced technician.

2. False. For long tire life and best gas mileage keep tires inflated as recommended on a sticker whose location will be specified in the owners manual, not on the sidewall of the tire.

3. False. The purpose of a fuse or circuit breaker is to prevent damaging equipment or starting a fire by overloading the circuit. Be sure to correct the cause of the problem before installing a new fuse and use a fuse of

the specified amperage rating.

4. True. The automatic transmission is cooled by the engine cooling system. When it overheats, so does the transmission.

5. False. Centrifugal force causes one ounce of weight to become 12 pounds at 60 mph. That not only damages the tire tread, it also accelerates wear of steering and suspension parts.

6. False. Because a shock absorber or strut is sealed, it cannot be re-filled. It must be replaced and, for best ride control, shocks should be replaced in pairs.

7. False. Good eyesight is your first requirement for safe driving under any conditions.

8. False. The oxygen sensor is part of the emission control system.

9. True. The blue exhaust smoke comes from burning oil that works past worn piston rings and/or valve guides into the engine. Black smoke is a sign of poor combustion.

10. True. A defective seal is the most common cause of transmission fluid.

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Lincoln Town Car guzzles oil at end of useful life

Auto Q&A

By Todd Hayes

Q: I have a 1988 Lincoln Town Car with a 5-liter engine. I purchased the car used with 71,000 miles on it. I had several leaks repaired including the valve covers, the rear main seal and the front seal. The engine once used a quart of oil about every 1,800 miles. Now with 100,000 miles, the engine uses a quart every 1,200 miles with no leaks and no visible smoke. Where is the oil going? Leo Michna - Roans Prairie, Texas.

A: I believe the engine in your Town Car is approaching the end of its useful life. However, there are some items to check overhauling. Be sure the PCV (Positive Crankcase Ventilation) system is working properly. Make sure the PCV valve and breather filter is in good shape.

Excessive oil found in the

air cleaner housing indicates a the PCV system is not working properly or the engine is suffering from excessive "blow-by" where compression leaks around the piston rings leading to excessive internal crankcase pressure. Some "blow-by" is normal, especially on a high-mileage engine, and the PCV system takes care of this, but excessive blow-by results in oil loss.

Pay close attention to the exhaust when you start the vehicle in the morning. Any noticeable blue smoke that disappears after a few minutes indicates worn valve guides or seals. Blue smoke while driving indicates worn rings. See a certified technician for assistance in diagnosing your Town Car's oil consumption. Excessive blow-by or worn valve guides generally warrant the need for major repairs.

Q: I have a 1983 Ford F-250 with a 4.9-liter engine. In 1990, I replaced the evaporator core in the air conditioner because of a hole. I must replace it again.

Would it be advisable to replace the evaporator core and convert to R-134A freon? What other components need to be modified for conversion? Will the air conditioner be less efficient? Wesley Sullivan, Friendswood, Texas.

A: Due to the phase out and increasing cost of conventional R-12 freon, converting your F150 to use R-134A may be a good decision. Before using R-134A, make sure the A/C system is in good condition and free of leaks. The system must be thoroughly flushed to remove all traces of the R-12 freon

and oil. R-134A requires a different type of oil incompatible with that used in R-12 systems.

The accumulator/drier must also be replaced and adapters will need to be installed on the service fittings to allow the system to be charged and service with R-134A as well as prevent someone from inadvertently introducing R-12 into the system after conversion.

As far as efficiency, you may notice some decline or no change at all. Be sure to have a technician certified in A/C service and repair check your truck. Because of the extreme pressures found in an A/C system, servicing and repair is best left to trained personnel.

Q: I have a 1989 Chevrolet pickup. The service-engine light comes on periodically. This may be three times a month sometimes it goes out on its own. I notice no change in performance when the light comes on.

The oxygen sensor has been replaced three times because a trouble code indicated it was faulty. Now I have been told to just drive and not worry about it.

What do you think? McCammon - Houston Texas

A: When your pickup's engine control computer detects a malfunction, it will illuminate the service-engine light to alert the driver and store a trouble code in memory indicating the affected area. Inspect the oxygen sensor at fault.

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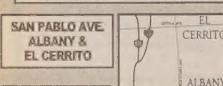
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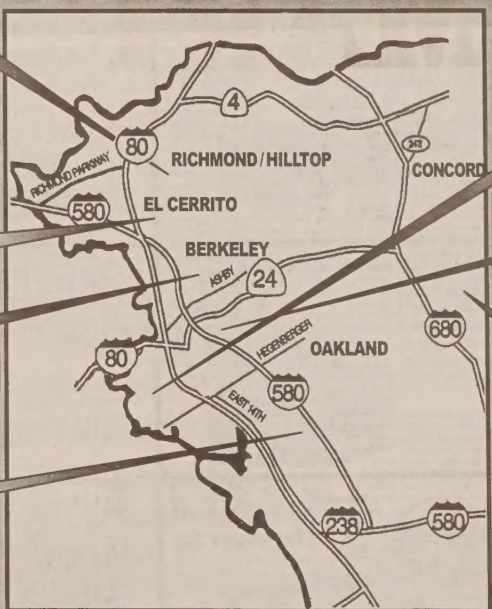
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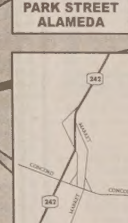
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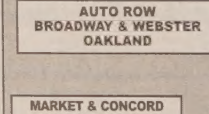
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That 1960 Plymouth with flared tailfins is man's 'Batmobile'

CLASSIC CLASSICS

By Vern Parker

Although Virgil Exner and Gary Himelfarb never met, they have one thing in common — a fondness for 1960 Plymouth station wagons that were called Suburbans.

As Chrysler Corp.'s design chief in the 1950s and 1960s, Exner was responsible for the unusual styling, including the tallest fins to ever grace a Plymouth's rear end. Himelfarb, a music producer, simply likes the looks of the car, from the stainless steel trimmed front wheel well scallops to the high-rise fins at the rear.

During the autumn of 1994, Himelfarb decided that if he ever was going to acquire a 1960 Plymouth wagon he had better get busy. He has always had a station wagon of some sort, so that part was an easy selection. The difficult part was it had to be a nine-passenger model. The search began in earnest. A few six-passenger models were discovered, but rejected. Six months into the search, Himelfarb had an ad describing the car of his dreams. The original owner, who had raised five children with the station wagon, was offering it for sale.

Himelfarb quickly contacted the owner in Paradise, Calif., and asked for pictures. The owner sent some photos and included a note warning that the photos made the 1960 Plymouth look better than it really was.

Taking the man at his word, Himelfarb in the spring of 1995, sent the owner money, and asked him to put the car on a carrier and send it to Maryland. It had already been driven 173,000 miles when Himelfarb became the second owner.

A few weeks later, an 18-wheeler rolled up with the prized Plymouth. "It started right up," Himelfarb said. With the second and third seats folded down, the floor space from the back of the front seat to the tailgate is 8 1/3 feet.

With the tailgate lowered, the floor space grows to a hair more than 10 feet. "You can put a small Honda back here," Himelfarb observes.

The original owner had been totally honest about the

condition of the wagon. Shag carpeting had been installed to replace the worn out original. In addition, the first

with carpeting to match the original.

Upholstery fabric was impossible to find, but a

led. The less-than-ideal

repaint was removed and the crushed inboard side of the right tailfin was fixed. Happily, no rust was found.

Eventually, it was all put back together from the roof rack down to the spare tire under the third — or observation — seat.

Five buttons operate the rebuilt transmission. From the left the gear selections are: Reverse-Neutral-Drive-Second-First. The car stretches to a length of an inch shy of 18 feet. A reliable 318-

Batmobile was already taken. "Well then, how about Bat Man?" he asked. That's when lady luck smiled. "Now that I got the Bat Man license plate, I never intend to relinquish it," Himelfarb stated.

The original owner didn't abuse the car but he did use it, Himelfarb explains. "I bought a really used car."

The Plymouth has been restored to reliability, and Himelfarb has every intention of continuing to use the car as much as the first owner did.

Indeed, he may be using the befinned wagon even more; and with 184,000 miles on the odometer, the 1960 Plymouth is his daily driver — and why shouldn't it be!

His family likes the spacious interior and the 122-inch wheelbase provides a cushy ride on 8.00x14-inch tires.

"It's my everyday car," Himelfarb said. And when it comes to a car he has to live with on a daily basis he adds, "If it doesn't have a carburetor, I don't want to drive it!"

If you have an antique car of interest to "Classic Classics" readers, write to Vern Parker detailing its merits. (Please, no inquiries about selling or buying vehicles.) His address:

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A reliable 318-cubic-inch, 230-horsepower V-8 engine powers the 1960 Plymouth, which stretches to a length of an inch shy of 18 feet. With the tailgate lowered, the floor space grows to a hair more than 10 feet. You can put a small Honda back there.

owner had painted the chrome roof rack gray and repainted the original white-over-caramel with a monotone caramel.

Himelfarb set about to return the car to its original condition, sending the roof rack off to be replated. The shag carpeting was removed and replaced

friend of Himelfarb's was able to duplicate the material so the seats could be reupholstered. "Part of the fun of owning an old car is finding parts," Himelfarb claims.

While the push-button Powerflite transmission was being rebuilt, the body was tack-

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